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Count TARIFF, &c.

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*Omniſus in terris, quæ ſunt à Gadibus uſque
Auroram, & Gangem pauci Dignoscere poſſunt
Vera bona. atque illis multum diverſa, remotâ
Erroris Nebulâ*

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COUNT *Tariff*, whose History we are now to write, is a Person who has been so much misrepresented among us, and painted in such monstrous Shapes, that 'tis but a piece of Justice to a Stranger to rescue his Character from the Mob, and to search what may be found in ancient History concerning him.

So far as we have search'd into Antiquity, we find him lineally descended from the ancient Line of the *Tariffs*, a Family of such Quality as well as Antiquity in *France*, that they trace their Genealogy as high as any History can be

found ; and they appear equal in Birth to *Commerce* it self, whose Antiquity no Body doubts of.

The present Count *Tariff*, the chief of his Family, is a Person, who, as well for his proper Merit as his high Birth as aforesaid, has been esteemed and respected all over *Europe* ; and for the great Interest he has in his Country, has been sought unto by most of the Nations in *Europe*, upon many occasions.

He always appear'd to be a Patron of Trade, as what he esteem'd was exceedingly conducive to the general Good of Mankind : As this was his especial Aim, so he did not so much apply himself to this or that particular Branch or part of Trade, but endeavour'd upon all occasions to shew himself a Friend to universal Commerce ; as it respected the Improvement and general Advantage of the World, and from this Rule he constantly employ'd the Influence he had on Affairs, *which was not small* to the Regulation and good Government of Trade in his own Country.

He took on him the general Management of Commerce on the 18th of *September*, 1664. which being the first time of his publick Appearance in the World,
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we shall not enquire into any part of his Conduct before that time.

He had no sooner settled and made publick *his Rules* of Commerce ; but all the Trading part of the World were made sensible of the Advantage they receiv'd thereby, and consequently began to entertain a true and very great Opinion of his Worth, and very quickly courted his Friendship : This Nation especially made great Advantage of his Correspondence, for he was a particular Friend to the *English Trade*, and encourag'd it upon all Occasions : It is true, he acted upon open Measures of Correspondence, and was a Friend to universal Trade, *as above* : He abhorr'd Prohibitions, Restrictions and Exclusion of Nations in Trade ; but if he had any Peculiar, if he treated any one Nation with Distinction more than another, it was *England* ; which was all the Reason that has yet been assign'd, why some People in the Kingdom have treated him with such Rudeness and Disrespect ever since : But however, they have used him, it is most certain *England* felt the sensible Advantage of his Acquaintance, and corresponded with him to their great Profit, as well as Satisfaction for several Years, receiving every Year

great Sums of Money from him, and by his means.

He was particularly a very great Friend to the *English* Manufacture: He always appear'd at Court in a Suit of *English Broad Cloth*, and cloth'd all his Servants in the same; and tho' his Liveries were plain, they were handsomer and richer than any in that Country.

It happen'd however, after some time, Divisions prevailing there as well as in other Courts, that he began to be in less Repute with some People than before, yet he still went on as well as Circumstances would admit, in his own way, (*viz.*) of encouraging Trade; he receiv'd all the Equipages of his Servants and Furniture of his Houses from *England*: Notwithstanding the fine Brocades and rich Silks which are made in *France*, he cloathed his Countess, and the young Ladies his Daughters, and their Attendants in rich *East-India* Silks, fine Muslins, &c. bought in *England*, and brought from the *Indies* by the *English East-India* Company.

Upon building his fine Country-Seat of TARIFF-CASTLE, in *France*, all the fine Locks and Keys, and several other parts of the Furniture came from
England;

England; the Roof was cover'd with Lead to distinguish his Respect for the *English* Commerce, and all the Vessels and Utensils of his Family, which it was proper to have so, were of *English* Pewter.

This particular Conduct of the Count, with respect to the *English* Trade, gave some Umbrage in *France*; and whether it were by the Artifice of some of his Neighbours, who always envy'd and rivall'd the *English*; or whether it was meerly the Inclination of the People there to set up Manufactures of their own, Authors are not agreed about it; but it procured Count *Tariff* many Enemies at home, as is before observ'd; nay, even his own Tenants and Neighbours complain'd that he favour'd Foreigners and foreign Manufactures, alledging that his Coaches were lined with *English* CLOTH, his Rooms hang'd with *English* STUFFS, that all his Servants smoaked TOBACCO, and other Circumstances falling in with this at the same time, the Count was oblig'd to alter his Measures, and first declined some part of the *English* Trade by several publick Acts, as particularly on the 18th of *April*, 1665. the 20th of *December*, 1687. and at last he was obliged wholly to renounce it on the 7th

of *September, 1701.* Upon these Disturbances Count *Tariff* being necessitated, as abovesaid, to lay aside all Correspondence with his *English* Friends; they, on the other hand, acted the weakest part that ever was known among Trading Men and Merchants; for however he had been their Friend, and however absur'd, it was on their side to forbid the Exportation of their own Manufactures; yet they took that simple Step, and without respect to Count *Tariff*, or the Injury they did to their own Workmen in the Countries, and their Families, truly, they cut off their own Trade, and would not suffer any more Broad-Cloth, or Serges, Stuffs, Bays, Kerfies, Dozens, or any Woollen Manufactures, or other Goods, to be sent to Count *Tariff*; by which piece of Wisdom they lost their Country, the Exportation of above Six hundred thousand Pounds a Year, in Goods of their own Growth or Manufactures; besides those of the Growth and Produce of their Plantations and other Countries.

Count *Tariff* being treated thus by his *English* Friends, it was not to be wondred if Mynheer *Coopmanschap*, an old Carrier, and a cunning, tricking, circumventing,

venting, sharpening *Dutch* Broker, fell in with him: This *Coopmanschap* was a great Dealer in the Manufactures and Produce of other Countries, but had very few or none at all of his own: He drove indeed a great Trade to most parts of the World: It was he who made that famous Voyage to *Japan*, where when he was asked by the Emperour, whether he was a *Christian* or not, he answer'd, he was a *HOLLANDER*: He had been all over the *East-Indies*, and particularly was Governour at *Amboyna* upon a certain Butcherly occasion, which *Authors* say is nothing to the purpose now, because it was a great while ago: He has driven a great Trade ever since by Interloping into the Trade of other Nations, but is especially remarkable for keeping his Word no longer than he finds it for his Gain, and then complaining that others DO SO: It was not many Years before this, that he was in Partnership with a great *German* Merchant, one *Mynheer Leopoldus* of *Vienna*; in which they had agreed not to lay down their Trade but by mutual Consent, and particularly old *Coopmanschap* bound himself, not to contract any Partnership without the Consent of *Leopoldus*, and without taking him in; but

but he broke his Word, and left old *Leopoldus* in the Lurch before the Voyage was half finish'd; which is mention'd for their Service, who pretend to say he was injured lately *that way* himself.

Count *Tariff* was not ignorant of the Subtilty and Knavery of this Tricking *Dutchman*, for he had heard his Character, and had dealt with him before; but his Circumstances requiring him to settle a Correspondence *some where*, and having been ill used where he inclined to settle, he found it for his Advantage to engage with *Mynheer*; and accordingly Articles of Partnership were sign'd between them on the 7th of *December*, 1699.

It was no small Surprize to the rest of the Trading Nations of *Europe* that Count *Tariff* had settled with *Mynheer*; and tho' it had been better for them all, that he had continu'd to Trade with the whole World on equal Terms, as before; yet when they found that could not be, they would all have been glad to have had him exclusively to themselves; but old *Coopmanschap*, according to Custom, was too cunning for them all, and knowing the Worth of the Count, he supplanted all the World, and got him to himself.

One of the principal Businesſes of *Mynheer*, after he had ſecur'd Count *Tariff* to himſelf, was to prevent his Trading with any Body elſe; and ſain he would have had the Count have entered into ſome exclusive Terms with him, which at firſt he could not obtain, it being not included in their Articles; but it fell in afterwards upon the occaſion of ſome of his old Correspondents prohibiting their Factors to ſend him any Woollen Manufactures, *as aforeſaid*.

No ſooner had old *Coopmanſchap* and the Count engaged, but the *Dutchman* began to inſult all Count *Tariff*'s old Correspondents, and put the Dice upon all that Traded with him before; for no Body could Trade with Count *Tariff* at all NOW, but they muſt pay TOLL to old *Coopmanſchap*, no Goods could be ſent to Count *Tariff*, but in old *Coopmanſchap*'s Waggonſ and Ships, ſo that he became the general *Carrier* to all the Trade of that ſide of the World, and got ſomething by every thing that other People dealt in.

This made him ſo Inſolent, that if any Propoſals of Peace or Trade were made to him, his Answer was always, Count *Tariff*, Count *Tariff*, *ick vil hab*
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Count Tariff, nothing must be done without *Count Tariff*.

At last *Mynheer* thinking he had effectually secured all the Trade of the World, and that he was able to keep every Body else out of it; truly he began to use *Count Tariff* himself very scurvily, and on several Occasions abused him very grossly; insomuch that *the Count* who easily saw himself maltreated, grew weary of him: He found that this *Coopmanschap* was but a Jobber of other Peoples Trade, a meer *Pedlar*, a *Waggoner*, or *Carrier* for other Merchants; that all the Goods he (*Count Tariff*) bought of him, were brought to him at *Second Hand*, and that he might much better have them directly from the Makers and Manufacturers, and the Countries where they were produced: Wherefore he (*Count Tariff*) resolved at last, to put an end to it; and accordingly, he wrote him a very plain Letter, telling him what a cozening old Knave he had been, how rich he was grown by means of the Partnership, and yet how basely he had treated his Partner, and in short told him in so many Words at the end of his Letter, that he would have no more to do with him.

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It is not to be wondred if *Mynheer* was Thunder-struck at this surprizing Letter; for by it, on a sudden, he lost all those Advantages which had for some time raised up both his Purse and his Pride; and which had enabled him to hold up his Head, and think himself equal with the richest Merchant in *Europe*. But from this Disappointment he began to alter his Tone, and talk a little humbler than he was wont to do; mean time he omitted nothing to recover his former Interest in Count *Tariff*, and if possible, to retrieve the Partnership; and to that purpose, he dispatched two of his Factors to go to Count *Tariff*'s House, and to try if they could by any Offers, Submissions, and Promises, and on any Conditions whatsoever, retrieve this Blow; that he might preserve his governing Influence on the Trade of *Europe*: But after several vain Attempts of this nature, *he found* that it was impracticable, and that Count *Tariff* was resolved, for *his sake*, that he would never more engage in a separate Partnership; but that he had reassumed his former generous Principle, (*viz.*) of *encouraging universal Commerce*, a thing that did not suit with *Mynheer*'s Designs at all; who always
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advanced himself by encroaching on other Mens Trade, rather than by carrying on any particular Trade of his own; as is evident by his Trade to the *East-Indies*, which he rifled a great *Portuguese* Merchant of; his *Herring Fishery*, which he got by Encroachment on the Scots Merchants, and by his Trade to the *Brazils* and *Surinam*, which he stole from the *Spaniards*; and the like.

But Mynheer, who never used to give a Game over while he had any Cards left in his hand to play, when he found he could not get Count *Tariff* to himself; his next Concern was to take care that the Count should not engage with any body else; and particularly, he was sensible it would be a very great Loss to him if any English Merchants should embark with him: It seems he had had some private Intimation, that Count *Tariff* was about making a new Partnership with one Mr. *Traffick*, an eminent Merchant and Alderman of *London*. This Mr. *Traffick* traded, it seems, in Company with one *Harry Woolpack*, a famous Clothier in the West; and together, they two manag'd the whole Trade of the Woollen Manufacturers on that side of the World.

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It was a mortal Blow to Mynheer, to think that Count *Tariff* should engage with these People, and it put him into a cold Sweat immediately; for these were the very Men that he had bubbled for so many Years past; for having kept Count *Tariff* under his Thumb, he got all the Trade into his own Hand, made those English Merchants glad to sell their Woollen Manufactures to him, some *finish'd*, some *unfinish'd*, as he pleased to take them, and at *what Price* he pleased to give for them; so that they only furnish'd Count *Tariff* at second-hand, and old *Coopmanschap* got the Profit.

All the while he did thus he wheedled Mr. Alderman *Traffick* and *Harry Woolpack* with fine Stories of his being their only Friend; of his taking off such vast Quantities of their Manufactures more than other Nations; nay sometimes he would say more than all the Nations of the World; and, that no body could do this but he; *whereas the Truth was*, that all this while he was only the *Middleman*, or Broker, between both; for Count *Tariff* was really the Man who procured most of the Trade, and made the great Consumption of the Woollen Manufactures by encouraging the wearing

ing thereof, as aforefaid, among his Tenants and Servants: and this fubtle Dutchman had only been a Pick-pocket on both Sides. As foon as Mr. *Traffick* and *Harry Woolpack*, and their other Partners, came to underftand this, it gave them a moft contemptible Opinion of old *Coopmanschap*, and made them reflect with great Regret on thofe Councils which had led them into fuch a Noofe, and caufed them to be fo dup'd, and made Fools of, by this old Dutch Man for fo many Years, to the Ruin of their Trade, and the enriching of him and his Hangers on: When their Eyes were thus opened, and they faw clearly how they had been play'd upon and cozen'd, they entertained with great Readinefs the Propofals of a *new Partnership* with Count *Tariff*, which the Count, by his Agents, had offered them about that time.

Upon this, the Treaty of Partnership between Alderman *Traffick* and the Count, having gone on with great Sincerity and Application on both fides, it was concluded and figned between Arbitrators employed by both Parties on the 31^{ft} of *March* 1712. tho' this was not brought to pafs without a mighty Oppofition of old *Coopmanschap* and his Friends.

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It was thought at first, that the Treaty having been thus finished, and all Parties being thus agreed, there could not have been any room for a Miscarriage after that; and it was not doubted but Messieurs *Traffick and Company* would have driven a gallant Trade the next Year with Count *Tariff*; but it proved quite otherwise, by the Subtilty and indefatigable Cunning and Diligence of that old Fox *Coopmanschap*; the Particulars of whose Intrigues make the next part of our Story.

Old *Coopmanschap* having been alarmed, as is said already, by the Report of a Treaty being set on foot between Count *Tariff* on one hand, and the said Mr. Alderman *Traffick* of *London*, and his Partners in the Country, *on the other hand*; he found there was no time to be lost; for these, as aforesaid, were the greatest Dealers in the *British* Woollen Manufactures that were in the World; and the very same Men who he had bought all the Woollen Goods of, which he had supplied Count *Tariff* with, during their late Partnership; he knew also if the Count fell in with them, he should not only be circumvented and become useless in the Trade, but that all his Cunning
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and Knavery would be exposed on either Hand; That first Count *Tariff* would see how he had made him pay thro' the Nose for every thing which he had bought, and that he could buy cheaper of Alderman *Traffick* and Company; and not only so, but the Alderman and his Partners would discover also, how when he had beaten down the Price, and brought them to sell their Goods so monstrous cheap, that their poor Workmen could hardly get Bread by their Labour, he sold those Goods at the same time for a great Price to Count *Tariff*; and so he had gotten the Profit of all the Trade to himself.

He was conscious that when both Sides came thus to see into his Knavery, they would equally resent his former Correspondence with them, and never have any thing to do with him in that respect again; that by this means he should lose his Cullies, and be quite stript of the Advantage he had always made by them.

Upon this and many other Mischiefs which he foresaw would follow, he resolved to go over for *England*, and by all means possible, endeavour to prevent the Partners making their new Treaty of Partnership EFFECTUAL.

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He was encouraged to make this Attempt by a secret Correspondence, which he always held in that Country with a certain CLUB or Society of Men, who having certain private wicked Projects of their own to carry on by his Assistance, were declared Enemies to Count *Tariff* for his sake; and by consequence would be sure, right or wrong, to oppose the new Partnership Count *Tariff* was making with their Fellow-Citizens, however it might be to the prejudice of their Country or of themselves; Envy and Revenge being the most Self-denying Vices in the World. These People pretended indeed to be very great Friends to Alderman *Traffick* and *Henry Woollpack* his Partner, yet they had given several sufficient Testimonies of their being willing to Sacrifice them both for the Interest of old *Coopmanschap*; and even to sell them and their Country too into Slavery to him, to work in his *Rasp-house* in *Amsterdam*, rather than not oblige him to be their Friend in those other Projects which they were carrying on, as aforesaid.

Having such an Interest there, he made the best of his way for *England*, and had the good Luck to come there before the Articles of Copartnership, which

the Arbitrators on both Sides had made between Count *Tariff* and his new Partners, were arrived.

As soon as he was come to *London*, he gave notice to his trusty Friend Sir *Politick Falshood*, who was generally Chairman of that Society, that he Purposed to be at the Club the next Day, who accordingly intimated the same to the whole Party, in order to have a full Assembly.

Being come to the Club, and having saluted the Members, he stood up and made a Speech to them to the following Purpose.

Here follows an Account of the Speech which Mynheer VAN COOPMANSCHAP made at his first Appearance in the Club.

‘ **F**irst, He gave them thanks for the
 ‘ great Services they had done him
 ‘ upon all Occasions in time past, and the
 ‘ great Obligations which they had laid
 ‘ upon him; *for That*, not regarding their
 ‘ Country, their Liberty, their present
 ‘ Advantages, or their Posterity, they had,
 ‘ with a steady and unshaken Zeal, al-
 ‘ ways preferred his *Interest* to THEIR
 ‘ OWN.

‘ He

‘ He acknowledged, that in a former
 ‘ Partnership, wherein they had been en-
 ‘ gaged with him, they never insisted up-
 ‘ on his paying in the Proportions of
 ‘ STOCK agreed upon between them ;
 ‘ But had very kindly carried on *their own*
 ‘ Part, and most of *his too*, tho’ at the
 ‘ same time they were fain to run them-
 ‘ selves into heavy Debts, *more than ever*
 ‘ *they were like to have paid*, besides several
 ‘ other Inconveniencies to *do it*; and also
 ‘ altho’ the *greatest part* of the Profit of
 ‘ the Partnership fell to HIS SHARE; all
 ‘ which, he told them, added to the Ge-
 ‘ nerosity of their Treatment of him, and
 ‘ which therefore obliged him to this
 ‘ grateful Remembrance thereof.

‘ He owned, and *therewith he made them*
 ‘ *a Grimace*, that they had been very
 ‘ Friendly to him, in not examining his
 ‘ Accounts relating to the said Partner-
 ‘ ship, but had passed them upon *his Credit*,
 ‘ which he (being utterly unable to make
 ‘ a fair Account) was very much obliged
 ‘ to them for.

‘ He could not forget, *he said*, how
 ‘ frankly they had furnished the greatest
 ‘ part of the Ships employed in their Part-
 ‘ nership, even without charging him for
 ‘ his share of the Freight, whereby he

' had been at leifure to carry on the
 ' *North-Seas-Trade*, which was quite out
 ' of the Partnership, at their Expence; and
 ' which had encouraged him to charge
 ' even those Ships also which were em-
 ' ployed in the said separate Trade to the
 ' *North-Seas*, as if employed in the said
 ' Partnership, to his unspeakable Advan-
 ' tage; for which he said he was infi-
 ' nitely obliged to them.

' That whereas they had been equally
 ' concerned for several Years past, in car-
 ' rying on an Undertaking for the French
 ' **PHILOSOPHERS STONE**, which
 ' as it had been both hazardous and ex-
 ' pensive, so it had been owned to be,
 ' *as such Projects generally are*, very unlike-
 ' ly to succeed, especially to the height that
 ' some proposed; he told them he thought
 ' himself obliged to confess, that they
 ' had generously supplied more Workmen
 ' for the said Undertaking than they were
 ' bound to furnish by their Agreement,
 ' and yet had not made him pay toward
 ' the extraordinary Charge of it. It is
 ' true, *said he*, you once proposed to me,
 ' that in Consideration thereof, I should
 ' break my Partnership with Count *Ta-*
 ' *riff*, and have no more to do with him;
 ' but, *said he*, upon my representing to
 ' you

‘ you faithfully how much it would be
 ‘ to my Prejudice tho’ to your Advan-
 ‘ tage, you were so kind as not to insist
 ‘ upon it ; which I acknowledge, *said he,*
 ‘ *and made them a Dutch Bow,* was a great
 ‘ Instance of *Self-denial* in you, and disin-
 ‘ terested Friendship to me.

‘ But *he told them* he had yet greater
 ‘ things than those to thank them for,
 ‘ and particularly, that *bold Step* they took
 ‘ on his Account, and which few Partners
 ‘ but they would have ventur’d at, (*viz.*)
 ‘ That when several of his principal Corre-
 ‘ spondents in *England* were in danger of
 ‘ being turned out of their Shops and
 ‘ Employments by their LANDLADY,
 ‘ the Club had appeared so much interest-
 ‘ ed in their Behalf, as to depute some of
 ‘ their RUDEST Members to Her, to
 ‘ tell her *very respectfully*, that she ought
 ‘ not to do so; that she ought to have
 ‘ consulted them in the Management of
 ‘ her Servants and Family; that if she
 ‘ ventur’d to do it, she would entirely
 ‘ lose their Favour, and did not stick to
 ‘ threaten her, *tho’ she was their own Land-*
 ‘ *lady* too, that in such case they would
 ‘ shew their Resentment, and would nei-
 ‘ ther give her or her Tenants, or her
 ‘ Workmen, Credit for one Farthing of

' Mony, nor suffer any body else to do
 ' it, nay nor pay her their Rent neither,
 ' if they could help it; which Threatning,
 ' tho' it did not succeed according to Ex-
 ' pectation, yet was such an extraordina-
 ' ry Step in his Favour, as he could not
 ' but think himself very much obliged to
 ' them for it.

' He told them farther, that he was
 ' particularly obliged to thank them for
 ' another Instance of their Zeal for his
 ' Interest, (*viz.*) that when some British
 ' Merchants came over to a Place called
 ' *Utrecht*, a City in his Country, in order
 ' to recover a certain Branch of Trade
 ' out of his Hands which he had circum-
 ' vented them of before, the Society had
 ' endeavoured to expose and ruin those
 ' Merchants, loudly declaring in all their
 ' Societies, as well *Grecian* as *English*, that
 ' it was neither just nor honest to take
 ' any thing away from *Mynheer Van*
 ' *Coopmanschap*, or to get any thing for
 ' Alderman *Traffick* and Company, with-
 ' out letting him have an equal Share
 ' of it, or, *in short*, to disoblige him in any
 ' respect whatsoever: So that they justi-
 ' fied him highly in the Practice of what
 ' every one knew was his Principle, *viz.*
 ' That what every one else got should
 ' be

‘ be part of it his, and what he himself
 ‘ got should be all his own.

‘ *He thank’d them*, he said, that in their
 ‘ late famous Voyage or Adventure to
 ‘ *Terra (Gertrudenburg) Incognita*, in
 ‘ which they had been also Partners, yet
 ‘ the Club had generously left the Ma-
 ‘ nagement of the whole Voyage to him,
 ‘ owning themselves not fit to be trusted
 ‘ in Affairs (tho’ their own) of so nice
 ‘ a nature; by which, had not his un-
 ‘ happy native Avarice prompted him to
 ‘ grasp the Shadow and let slip the Sub-
 ‘ stance, he might have made a very good
 ‘ Voyage for himself, at the Expence of
 ‘ all the rest of his Partners; but as he
 ‘ had no body to blame for the Miscar-
 ‘ riage but himself, so he thank’d them
 ‘ for their Good-will, whatever Loss he
 ‘ sustain’d by the Voyage.

‘ It was true, he said, that another
 ‘ Miscarriage of his had been the Effect
 ‘ of their Advice to him, (*viz.*) when
 ‘ they perswaded him to adhere to the
 ‘ Executors of old *Leopoldus*, and preferr
 ‘ his German-Partnership to all other En-
 ‘ gagements; which piece of Council
 ‘ overthrew the whole Voyage; for as *on*
 ‘ *the one hand* he slip’d a good Opportu-
 ‘ nity, and refused an advantageous Of-
 ‘ fer

‘fer of another Partnership, which he
 ‘inclined to embark in; and which, had
 ‘he closed with it, would have preven-
 ‘ted the dismal Events that followed:
 ‘So, *on the other hand*, he not only was
 ‘disappointed in all his chimerical Hopes
 ‘of that Voyage, but had all his Vessels
 ‘plundered, his Goods and Merchandizes
 ‘taken away, and most of his Agents
 ‘and Servants were knock’d on the Head,
 ‘and thrown over-board, or carried into
 ‘Slavery; which forced him, at last,
 ‘shamefully to quit the said *German Part-*
 ‘*nership*, and to lose all those Advantages
 ‘that had been offered him at first, as
 ‘afore said; however, he said, as he be-
 ‘lieved the Society did it for the best,
 ‘and had only acted by him as they did
 ‘for themselves, and according to their
 ‘known Politicks, (*viz.*) *Never to know*
 ‘*when they are well*, so he could not blame
 ‘them in the least.

‘He acknowledged, that their general
 ‘Conduct had been always with an Eye
 ‘to his Interest and Grandeur, which
 ‘they had given him so many Testimo-
 ‘nies of, that it was very much to his
 ‘Satisfaction, and which he had so far
 ‘depended upon, as had made him talk
 ‘in a different Tone from what he used
 ‘to

' to do, to several of his other Partners;
 ' for that he knew they were always rea-
 ' dy to back him in and approve of all
 ' the Measures he took for advancing his
 ' own Trade; and that they were always
 ' willing to sink their own Stocks, and
 ' throw away their own Estates, rather
 ' than he should be a Sufferer.

' He told them also, that he thankfully
 ' remembred how they had given him
 ' timely notice, when they designed to
 ' ruin the Publick Credit, if it had been
 ' in their Power, that he might have suf-
 ' ficient time to draw out his Mony;
 ' whereas had their Design succeeded, he
 ' might, without such notice, have been
 ' a very great Loser.

' It was true, *he said*, he had observed
 ' that altho' they had informed him that
 ' their *Landlady* was a Bankrupt, and her
 ' Credit broke, and perswaded him not
 ' to lend her Mony; yet, as soon as she
 ' had offered them a small Advantage in
 ' the Loan, they all run in privately, and
 ' lent their own Mony, leaving him out:
 ' But as this was nothing but what he
 ' taught them, and as he would have
 ' done by them if it had been in his
 ' Power, he was not at all disoblged by
 ' it, knowing they would make him amends
 ' for it many other ways.

' He

' He told them, he was in a particu-
 ' lar manner obliged to them in other
 ' Affairs of their Partnership, especially
 ' for drawing up proper Memorials for
 ' him upon certain Occasions, in which
 ' they were so zealous for his Interest,
 ' and so willing to make him popular,
 ' that they had frequently ventur'd to
 ' Print them before they had been deli-
 ' vered; and if at any time his secret
 ' Management had been discovered, and
 ' the People began to entertain a mean
 ' Opinion of his Honesty, they always
 ' had employed their whole Set of Pam-
 ' phleteers to vindicate him, who had
 ' covered the foulest of his Actions with
 ' the most popular Lyes they could in-
 ' vent; of which they were very fruit-
 ' ful, and by an infinite number of Abu-
 ' ses, Invectives, and Libels, even against
 ' *their Landlady herself*, and all her Fami-
 ' ly, and Servants, they had diverted the
 ' Rage of the People, and impos'd upon
 ' them in such a manner, that his Cha-
 ' racter, which was much in Danger by
 ' some Mistakes he had fallen into, stood
 ' very right again with the People; and
 ' as he had maintained a kind of Corre-
 ' spondence, *from the Teeth outward only*,
 ' with their *Landlady*, which however he
 ' was

‘ was alwas ready to break off when their
 ‘ Interest should require it, he had there-
 ‘ by he hop’d kept himself in a Condition
 ‘ to requite the Favours he had received
 ‘ from them.

‘ That for his part, he said, tho’ he
 ‘ should not boast of his Merit, yet he
 ‘ hoped he had not been wanting on all
 ‘ Occasions to shew his respect to them,
 ‘ and to lay all the Obligations upon
 ‘ them which it was in his Power to do.
 ‘ That upon all Occasions he had supported
 ‘ them in their private Designs and Con-
 ‘ trivances against their *Landlady* and her
 ‘ Adherents, Family, and Servants; that
 ‘ he had acquiesced in all the Memorials
 ‘ they had drawn up for him, and been
 ‘ as well satisfied with them when they
 ‘ were drawn up at the farther End of
 ‘ *Piccadilly*, as when they were done at
 ‘ *Amsterdam*, which also had saved him a
 ‘ great deal of Trouble; and tho’ in one of
 ‘ those Memorials they had committed a
 ‘ fatal Mistake, in acknowledging the Fact
 ‘ which it was intended to deny, (*viz.*)
 ‘ about his having not supplied the Quota
 ‘ of Ships to the Partnership which he
 ‘ had agreed to furnish, yet he was very
 ‘ well satisfied with the Invention they
 ‘ found out to cover it, whether it were
 ‘ Truth of Fact or no. ‘ He

‘ He modestly put them in mind of
 ‘ his great Concern for them in another
 ‘ Affair, wherein he had made himself
 ‘ Arbitrator for the Succession of their
 ‘ Trade in the next Age; and preserving
 ‘ a Partnership, which it was agreed
 ‘ should be entered into, after a certain
 ‘ Engagement was expired, with some
 ‘ Merchants of *Brunswick*; which tho’ they
 ‘ all knew there was not the least need
 ‘ of, that it was in it self nothing at
 ‘ all, that Contract being effectually
 ‘ secured by the Circumstances and na-
 ‘ ture of the thing; yet as it was of use
 ‘ to them otherways, and served to make
 ‘ the Reputation of the Club swell among
 ‘ some People, so he had done it to serve
 ‘ them; at the same time taking such effec-
 ‘ tual Care to preserve their Trade in *Flan-*
 ‘ *ders*, by securing it all into his own
 ‘ Hands, that he hoped it was to their
 ‘ exceeding great Satisfaction: He put
 ‘ them in mind how for their sakes he
 ‘ had continued his Partnership with the
 ‘ Executors of old *Leopoldus* Merchant of
 ‘ *Vienna*, altho’ Count *Tariff* had made
 ‘ him very great Offers to break the
 ‘ same; and altho’ he had met with very
 ‘ great Losses in carrying it on, and altho’
 ‘ one Merchant *Eugene*, who was Factor
 ‘ for

‘ for the said Partnership, had imposed up-
 ‘ on him, and outstood his Market, having
 ‘ been outwitted by Count *Tariff*’s Fac-
 ‘ tors, and so had spoiled the whole Voy-
 ‘ age, as he had just now told them.

‘ He assured them in the next place, that
 ‘ as he had served them with all his *usual*
 ‘ Sincerity in these and many other occasi-
 ‘ ons; so he was still ready to assist and stand
 ‘ by them in their private Concerns, and
 ‘ to renew the Partnership they had carried
 ‘ on so long, and which they had so suc-
 ‘ cessfully been engaged in, for as many
 ‘ Years as they should think fit; that es-
 ‘ pecially he was ready to support them
 ‘ and assist them in any Measures which
 ‘ they should think proper against their
 ‘ Landlady, whether to expose, ridicule,
 ‘ and affront her Person and the Manage-
 ‘ ment of her Family and Household, or
 ‘ to oppose any of her Designs, however
 ‘ laudable and useful for the good of her
 ‘ Tenants; (at which words the Assembly,
 ‘ in token of Gratitude, and accepting the
 ‘ Offer, stood all up) and Mynheer ma-
 ‘ king another *Dutch Bow* went on —

‘ He told them, that he was still very
 ‘ ready to settle Matters of Trade for
 ‘ this part of the World, if they would
 ‘ but stick fast to their old Maxims of lea-
 ‘ ving

' ving it all to him, and being willing that
 ' his Interest should be secured first, and
 ' then their own brought in as subservi-
 ' ent; and finally, he profess himself ready
 ' to requite their Kindness at all times,
 ' if he might but enjoy the Benefit of
 ' their Trade, exclusive of themselves, *as*
 ' *he had done.*

' He then came to the main Point: He
 ' told them, that he understood there
 ' was a private Clandestine Negotiation
 ' on foot between Merchant *Traffick* of
 ' *London*, and his Partner *Henry Woolpack* of
 ' the *West*, for a Partnership with Count
 ' *Tariff* of *France*, the Articles whereof, if
 ' they came to be *made Effectual*, would be
 ' very prejudicial to his Affairs, and that
 ' therefore he desired their utmost As-
 ' sistance against it: He told them, that
 ' this Count *Tariff* was always Partner
 ' with him, and had left him without
 ' warning, that it would disable him
 ' from driving his Trade, and consequent-
 ' ly from buying so many Woollen Ma-
 ' nufactures *here* as he used to do, because
 ' Count *Tariff* would take them here him-
 ' self; and, in short, he told them that
 ' if they had any Respect for him, or
 ' expected any of his Assistance in their
 ' other secret Affairs, which he had al-
 ' ways

ways been their Friend in, they must stand his Friend at this time, and prevent the Articles of this Partnership from being MADE EFFECTUAL.

Then he fell to railing at Count Tariff, told them he was a *Frenchman* and a *Papist*, and a tricking false Fellow that never kept his word with any Body, that he was a Bankrupt, and not able to make good what he had promised, that he would crowd them with his own Goods, such as Wine, Brandy, Silk, Linnen, Paper, &c. but would take little or nothing of them in return, only give them large Promises and good Words, with which he would feed them till the Partnership was settled and made effectual, and then he would laugh at them; and with much more of this kind he ended his Speech.

Mynheer *Coopmanschap* having thus finished his Speech and sat down, Sir *Pol* the Chairman seeing the Club in an unusual Agitation, and mightily incensed against Count Tariff, and also against Alderman Traffick and his Partners, called for a Bottle of *Neat-Port*, for they always drink *Port* at that Club, and beginning a Health, which for their Reputations sake, as they pretend to be

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Christians, is not fit to be named; the unnatural Pleasure of that Infamous practice took them a little off of their Fury. Indeed Authors do not say it cooled the Ferment they were in, but it turned it another way, tho' by a worse Inflammation, and having twice Cursed the *Landlady*, and five times her Servants, Sir Pol stood up, and addressing himself to *Mynheer*, he spoke in the Name of the whole Society, by way of Answer to his Speech, to the purpose following.

First, He told him they were very glad the Endeavours of the Club had been of Service to him, that they had faithfully pursued his Interest at all times, without respect to any Obligation they were under to the contrary, either to their *Landlady*, or otherwise; and that it was very much to their Satisfaction that he was sensible thereof.

They condoled with him, *he said*, in all his Misfortunes; particularly that which he had mentioned to them, *viz.* of having the *British* Merchants get the better of him in all his projects of Trade, especially that with the *Spanish* Merchant *Don Philippo*, and his Factor *Seignior Affiento*, which he could not but be sensible

‘ fible they had done their Endeavour to
 ‘ prevent; however it might be against
 ‘ the Honour and the Interest of their
 ‘ Country.

‘ He told him, *the Club* was very sorry
 ‘ they had been any way instrumental to
 ‘ the loss of that Voyage of his, where
 ‘ his Ships were taken, his Goods plun-
 ‘ dered, and his Men thrown overboard,
 ‘ or carryed into Slavery; but that the
 ‘ Advice they gave him for adhering to
 ‘ his *German Partnership*, was chiefly found-
 ‘ ed on the Assurances, which he had sent
 ‘ them word were given him, that Mer-
 ‘ chant *Eugene*, who was Factor for
 ‘ Mynheer *Leopoldus*, would carry on that
 ‘ Trade successfully, without any farther
 ‘ help, or any Auxiliary Stock; and that
 ‘ they never suspected that those Promises
 ‘ of *Merchant Eugene* had been all but
 ‘ meer Gasconades, and that he was not
 ‘ able to perform them, for that the said
 ‘ *Eugene* was always esteemed an expert
 ‘ Merchant, and one who being bred to
 ‘ Business, always kept right Accounts, and
 ‘ might be depended upon in Adventures
 ‘ of the nicest Nature; that therefore the
 ‘ Miscarriage ought to be placed to Mer-
 ‘ chant *Eugene’s* Account, and not to
 ‘ theirs, who had advised him for the best.

' He told him, the Society were sorry
 ' he had been obliged to quit his *German*
 ' *Partnership* in such a manner as he did ;
 ' but they were glad for *his sake*, that he
 ' had at last put an end to it, being afraid
 ' his *German Partner* would ruin him-
 ' self, by following the precipitant Mea-
 ' sures of his said Factor Merchant *Eu-*
 ' *gene*, especially in carrying on that Trade,
 ' which was too hazardous and expensive
 ' for *his* Strength of Stock, and that it
 ' was rumoured already upon Change,
 ' that his Bills had been protested in di-
 ' vers parts of *Europe*, so that it was
 ' feared we should quickly hear there was
 ' a Commission of Bankrupt taken out
 ' against him, and that he would make a
 ' Composition with his Creditors.

' He told him, tho' the Society had
 ' been disappointed in every thing they
 ' had undertaken for him, and were at
 ' this time but in mean Circumstances ;
 ' their Character declining, their Repu-
 ' tation very low, and most of their valu-
 ' able Men gone off from them to the
 ' Interest of their *Landlady*, having by
 ' her Advice joined in a new Partnership
 ' with Merchant *Moderation*, an old and
 ' known Enemy to the whole Society,
 ' yet as their Spirit (*Malice*) was not in
 ' the

' the least abated, and that they had yet
 ' Members enough left to make a great
 ' Effort (Noise) in his Favour, so he
 ' might depend upon their utmost Assist-
 ' ance in every thing whatsoever that
 ' he desired; in return whereof, they
 ' hoped *Mynheer* would continue to be
 ' their constant Friend and Correspon-
 ' dent in the same manner as he had
 ' done before; adding, that they had one
 ' farther Request to make to him, (*viz.*)
 ' That whereas they might probably find
 ' it needful sometimes, in carrying on
 ' his Intrigues, or their own; to make
 ' themselves obnoxious to the Law, and
 ' which was likely to be very frequent,
 ' to fly from Justice, run away from Bail,
 ' and *such like*, he would engage to re-
 ' ceive their Criminals, and make them
 ' Burgessees in his Cities and free Denizens,
 ' Naturalizing them among the Servants
 ' of his Family, as would be most sui-
 ' table to them, and to him also, whe-
 ' ther they were felonious-Bankrupts,
 ' Murtherers of Nobility, Duellers, Scots
 ' Libellers, Traytors, or what kind of Of-
 ' fenders soever.

' That as to the new Treaty of Part-
 ' nership with Count *Tariff*, he told him
 ' there was no doubt but the Club would

' espouse his Cause, *right or wrong*, against
 ' that *Frenchman* and all his Attempts;
 ' that the name of *French* would make it
 ' exceeding Popular, and they would pre-
 ' sently spread it over the whole Nation,
 ' that he was a Pick-pocket, a Conjuror,
 ' and dealt with the Devil, and they
 ' doubted not to have him Mobb'd if he
 ' came hither.

' He told him, that as to Alderman *Traf-*
 ' *fick*, he knew he was an eminent Dealer,
 ' and understood Trade, and perhaps he
 ' might be steady as to his old Notions of
 ' the Liberty of Trade; but as for ho-
 ' nest *Woolpack* he knew him well enough,
 ' that he was a well-meaning Country-
 ' Fellow, but very Passionate, and
 ' Ignorant, and he did not question but
 ' the Club would find means to Impose
 ' upon his Judgment, by telling him a
 ' hundred Stories and Shams of this
 ' *Frenchman Count Tariff*; and if they
 ' did but once make him believe that
 ' *Count Tariff* would take off none of his
 ' Manufactures, he would go stark Mad,
 ' and break off the new Partnership at
 ' once, or quarrel with Alderman *Traf-*
 ' *fick* his Partner, and refuse to go on
 ' with the Trade; concluding upon the
 ' whole, in the Name of the Society,
 ' that

‘ that he might depend upon it, they
 ‘ were all *Mynheers* hearty Friends more
 ‘ than their own.

The Chairman having ended his Speech, a Tool of his who sat at his Elbow, lately turned Malecontent because he was left out of a certain Commission, made a motion to the Club, that they should declare their Assent to all that Sir Pol had said, which was done, the following Minute being extracted out of the Journal of the Club.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the Thanks of the Club be given to Sir Pol *Falshood* the Chairman, for his excellent Speech to *Mynheer van Coopmanschap*.

Sir Pol having gone thus far, proceeded then to put the *grand Question*, which was also carried, as follows.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That this Club will stand by, assist, and support *Mynheer van Coopmanschap*, their old and constant Partner, Confederate and Ally, with all their Art and Skill, not only against *Count Tariff* and *Alderman Traffick*, but against all the *Harry Woolpacks* in *England*, and against all other Opposers whatsoever, *Landlady* and all.

This Vote being past, Sir *Pol* stood up and made another Speech, and directed himself then to the *Club*, *Mynbeer* being withdrawn, in which he spoke with a great deal of Heat, and with all that Sense and Passion he used to speak with elsewhere,

‘ He told them, that having heard
 ‘ what had been said by *Mynbeer van Coop-*
 ‘ *manschap*, and what return had been
 ‘ made to him, he expected no other, but
 ‘ that they would Resolve to assist and
 ‘ stand by him, &c. as they had done;
 ‘ and that now having thus entered upon
 ‘ the thing, the next and immediate Step
 ‘ was, that they should consider of *Ways*
 ‘ and *Means*, to put in execution what
 ‘ they had Resolved on; that no time was
 ‘ to be lost; that they expected every Post
 ‘ to hear that Count *Tariff* was come over,
 ‘ and that the Articles of Partnership be-
 ‘ tween him and Alderman *Traffick*, &c.
 ‘ would presently be Ratified, and a Law
 ‘ pass to make them EFFECTUAL,
 ‘ and that then all was lost, and their fast
 ‘ Friend *Coopmanschap* would be ruined.

‘ Then he run out in the praise of *Myn-*
 ‘ *beer*, how necessary it was to them to
 ‘ Support him, how they could never
 ‘ hope to carry on their secret Designs
 ‘ against

‘ against the *Landlady*, if they lost *Mynheer*,
 ‘ and that all their Trade (juggling) which
 ‘ they had carried on so long with *Mynheer*
 ‘ *van Coopmanschap* would be spoiled, if
 ‘ they did not prevent it just now.

‘ Then he fell foul upon *Count Tariff*, you
 ‘ have heard his Character, said he, from
 ‘ *Mynheer van Coopmanschap*’s own Mouth,
 ‘ what a Tricking, Cozening, Bankrupt
 ‘ Fellow he is, and what a Trade we are
 ‘ like to have with him, if this Partner-
 ‘ ship should proceed; and therefore, con-
 ‘ tinued *Sir Pol*, my good Friends, I would
 ‘ not have you be deceived by those who
 ‘ talk of your having a great Trade with
 ‘ him; It is all a Cheat: How should
 ‘ he want any of your Manufactures when
 ‘ he can make them all himself by his own
 ‘ Tenants and Servants whom he has
 ‘ lately set up, and given great Encou-
 ‘ ragement to them out of his own Estate?
 ‘ and as to the defect of Wooll, which
 ‘ they pretend to say will prevent this,
 ‘ that is effectually Answered by the News
 ‘ which came to me by the last Post, and
 ‘ which I thought fit to communicate to
 ‘ you, that it may by your Diligence and
 ‘ Correspondence in the Country, be
 ‘ spread about among the Woollen Manu-
 ‘ facturers and Clothiers of *Britain*, (*viz.*)
 ‘ That

‘ That this Count *Tariff* has found out a
 ‘ new Invention not only to supply his
 ‘ own Tenants and Servants with good
 ‘ Woollen Manufactures, but that in a
 ‘ little time he would be able to supply
 ‘ the whole World with Woollen Manu-
 ‘ factures, even *Britain* and all; for that
 ‘ by this new Invention, they could make
 ‘ FINE Manufactures of COARSE Wooll,
 ‘ and he was told of another new Project
 ‘ setting up just now among them of making
 ‘ all the *English* Manufactures in *France* with-
 ‘ out any Wooll AT ALL, which, if they
 ‘ should bring to Perfection, as he feared
 ‘ they would, the *English* Trade would be
 ‘ quite ruined, and the *French* Tenants of
 ‘ Count *Tariff* would Underfell them at
 ‘ all the Markets in *Europe*, so that he
 ‘ doubted not but *the Club* would be con-
 ‘ vinced that it was their own Interest as
 ‘ well as his, to prevent Count *Tariff* en-
 ‘ tering into any Measures here.

The Club were mightily affected with
 this part of Sir *Pol*'s Speech, and the Noise
 interrupted him for some time; they ap-
 peared in a great Consternation, as well
 they might, at the mention of such a Pro-
 ject being set on foot in *France*, for making
 Broad-Cloth, Serges, &c. WITHOUT
 WOOLL,

WOOLL, and a wise Senator of the Club
wrs observed to shake his Head, and with
a deep Sigh to send forth this Ejaculation,
LAURD! said he, *What will become of
poor England! This will ruin us all with a
Witness! What! The French Manufactures
without Wooll! good lack! This is the ef-
fect of making Peace with the French! This
is a French Popish Project indeed! I'll war-
rant the New Ministry have a Hand in
it! We shall be all undone! alas! poor
England.*

There was a general Murmur thro'
the whole Society on this surprizing In-
formation, infomuch that the House seem-
ed in some Commotion, and Sir Pol could
not yet proceed; but the wise Expressions
which on that Occasion dropt from sundry
Members of the Society being yet reserved
in Whispers only; History has made men-
tion of no more than what is hinted above,
which Silence has been a sensible loss to
Posterity, who are thereby deprived of
the many weighty Sentences dropt on that
Occasion.

After some time, the Club being a lit-
tle recovered, Sir Pol reassumed his for-
mer Discourse, and went on to lay down
his Measures, which, *as he said*, he would
have them take to prosecute this Design,
and

and the Ways and Means thereof, as
aforesaid: And *First*,

‘ He told them he had been with *Alder-
man Traffick*, and it is true, *says he*, I
‘ found him inflexible, he talked loudly of
‘ the vast Advantages of the Partnership
‘ with Count *Tariff*, the great Quantities
‘ of *English* Manufactures he was formerly
‘ accustomed to take off, and would now
‘ again take off of our Hands; but said
‘ *Sir Pol*, I will confute them all by one
‘ piece of Conduct of mine, for since *Alder-
man Traffick* cannot be brought over,
‘ we must overpower him, and run him
‘ down by our Numbers and Noise; for
‘ this end, *says he*, it is absolutely necessary
‘ to separate *Harry Woolpack* from him,
‘ *that is*, to sow such Jealousies and Mis-
‘ understandings between the Country
‘ Manufacturers and the Merchants, that
‘ they may not join together in this Part-
‘ nership; and therefore, *continues he*, I
‘ design in the next place, to attack my
‘ old Acquaintance *Harry Woolpack*, and I
‘ doubt not, with a little help, to make
‘ this Affair so popular, that I will make
‘ *Harry* ashamed to show his Face in the
‘ Country, if he does not break off this
‘ Partnership with *Tariff*.

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* To this purpose, *says he*, we must in
 ‘ the first place, set to work all our Agents
 ‘ to expose, bespatter, villify, blacken,
 ‘ and defame Count *Tariff*, and that not
 ‘ only here in the Town, which we can
 ‘ do by the Assistance of our Friends at
 ‘ *North’s*, and at the *Amsterdam Coffee-*
 ‘ *Houses*, not forgetting our learned States-
 ‘ men at the *Grecian*; but also in all the
 ‘ *Cloathing*, and *Manufacturing Towns*
 ‘ and *Countries* throughout *England*; for
 ‘ this Work, *says he*, turning to two
 ‘ *Blackwell-Hall-Factors*, who sat next him,
 ‘ here’s my Friend *Josiah White-Cloth* and
 ‘ *Phil. Medley*, Men of Interest in the
 ‘ Country, shall write our Minds to *Harry*
 ‘ *Wooll-pack*; and if they should not be
 ‘ able to prevail, there’s old *Josbua Double-*
 ‘ *dozen*, the *Yorkshire Man*, shall threaten
 ‘ him with his Mob out of the *North*;
 ‘ and there is no doubt but *Harry Wooll-*
 ‘ *pack* will come up to Town, and tell
 ‘ *Alderman Traffick* to his Face, that he
 ‘ will have nothing to do with Count
 ‘ *Tariff*.

Sir Poll received several Humms, and
 other Testimonies of Applause, from the
 Club, as he went on with this; by which
 they signified their full Approbation of
 every

every thing he said to them; which encouraged him to proceed as follows.

‘ *He told them, the breaking of Harry*
 ‘ *Wooll-pack from his Engagements with*
 ‘ *Alderman Traffick, was, tho’ in it self a*
 ‘ *Trifle, of very great Consequence to*
 ‘ *many other of their Designs, as well as*
 ‘ *this of Count Tariff; for it would im-*
 ‘ *mediately affect all the People of Bri-*
 ‘ *tain; it would alarm all the Manufa-*
 ‘ *cturers, and make them believe their*
 ‘ *Trade was to be lost and undone, and*
 ‘ *that they should be ruined; it will*
 ‘ *make, says he, all the Clothing Towns*
 ‘ *write up to their Representatives, and*
 ‘ *perswade them that all is at stake, and*
 ‘ *that they’ll CHOOSE them NO*
 ‘ *MORE, if they do not take care about*
 ‘ *it in Parliament: nay, says Sir Poll in*
 ‘ *some Extacy, it is not to be imagined*
 ‘ *how far we may run this Thought; I*
 ‘ *question not, says he, but we shall make*
 ‘ *it a DOCTOR SACHEVERELL to us,*
 ‘ *and perhaps may make as good use of*
 ‘ *it for our purpose, as was made by*
 ‘ *other People of that Affair of Dr. Sache-*
 ‘ *verell’s, which it is evident was impro-*
 ‘ *ved to a quite contrary purpose to what*
 ‘ *it was designed for; and as the former*
 ‘ *part said he will be easily managed by*
 ‘ *our*

‘ our Assistants at the places before named,
 ‘ so we can never want a Detachment of
 ‘ Bullies from *Jenny Man’s* and *St. James’s*
 ‘ Coffee-house, to assist in the latter, and
 ‘ make a Tumult for us if there be occa-
 ‘ sion.

‘ Our Business then, continued he, is to
 ‘ raise *Harry Wool-pack’s* Passions, for he
 ‘ is naturally a hot-headed Fellow, and
 ‘ as furious and inconsiderate as my self
 ‘ when he is moved; and when we have
 ‘ screw’d him up to a pitch, he’ll make
 ‘ such a Noise, no body else shall be heard
 ‘ all over the Kingdom but he: besides,
 ‘ he has a prodigious Interest in the
 ‘ Country; as well *Landed-men* and *Tra-*
 ‘ *ding-men*, as *Monied-men*, they are all of
 ‘ his side; and if once he raises his Voice,
 ‘ he can call a strange multitude about
 ‘ him: There’s *Sergius Perpetuanus* the
 ‘ Spaniard of *Exeter*, is always at his El-
 ‘ bow, with an hundred thousand *Devon-*
 ‘ *shire-men*, and as many from *Taunton-*
 ‘ *dean*; There’s *Joshua Double-doxen* and
 ‘ *Tom Kersie* out of the North, from *Hal-*
 ‘ *ifax* and *Leeds*; they were famous for
 ‘ their Numbers in Qu. *Elizabeth’s* time:
 ‘ Then there’s *Goad Cotton Esq;* and *Fla-*
 ‘ *nel ap Plane* the Welch-man; they are
 ‘ all at his Beck, and are able to raise
 ‘ all

' all North-Wales, Shropshire, and Lanca-
 ' shire for him; besides Henry Stroudwater
 ' of Cirencester, Sir Isaac Re-Bay of Colche-
 ' ster, Jack All-Stuff of Norwich, Benjamin
 ' Druggert of Newberry, and several others,
 ' who are all such Dependants upon this
 ' Wooll-pack, that if he does but hold up
 ' his Finger, they are at his Beck; so
 ' that, in short, the Sum of this Matter
 ' is to perswade Harry Wooll-pack to break
 ' this Bargain, and to fright him with
 ' the Apprehensions of losing all his
 ' Trade. Let us get but this done then,
 ' says he, and we need not value Old Traf-
 ' ficks; for if he insists upon it never so
 ' much, if Wooll-pack does not come in,
 ' it can never go on, or be made EFFE-
 ' CTUAL.

' It follows next, says Sir Pol, that we
 ' consider of the Methods to bring this
 ' to pass; and the only way to do this,
 ' as I said before, is to bespatter Count
 ' Tariff, and heap up all the Scandal we
 ' can upon him, by which we shall make
 ' him frightful and odious to Wooll-pack
 ' and his Friends; and if he should ven-
 ' ture after this to come over hither, to
 ' get the Articles of his new Partnership
 ' made EFFECTUAL, we'll bring Har-
 ' ry Wooll-pack in, as Plaintiff, get him In-
 ' dicted

‘dicted for a Cheat, and a Pick-pocket,
‘and have him Tried for his Life.

This Speech was too full of Gall, Party-Rage, and particular Malice, not to suit well and be very acceptable to the whole Assembly; for Temper and Moderation was long ago hiss’d out of the Club, as an Enemy to the Being and Nature of their Constitution; like a Coward, who is Troop’d out of a Camp by *Beat of Drum*, as a Person of no manner of use in the Army.

Being then sufficiently prepared by this Plan of their Proceedings, laid down by *Sir Poll*, they fell to work immediately, and first they voted that Count *Tariff* was a *Frenchman*, and therefore let the Gain of the Partnership be what it would, we had better be without him. This was voted with such a Clamour in the Club, that nothing could be heard for a great while but the repeated Cry of No *French Man!* no *French Wine!* no *French Trade!* no *Brandy!* sell no Manufactures to a *French-man!* and the like.

‘The last Word startled a certain
‘*Warehouse-man* in the Club, whose Inte-
‘rest could not tell how to lye like the
‘rest, *Hold there a little, says he, sell no*
‘Manufactures to a *French-man!* Hang it,

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‘says

‘ *says he*, I can’t go that Length neither,
 ‘ for I sold one of Count *Tariff*’s Friends
 ‘ a thousand Pounds worth of Druggets
 ‘ and Serges but last Week: *That won’t do*
 ‘ *says he*; and so taking the Opportunity
 ‘ of the Hurry, he sneak’d out of the
 ‘ Club.

But the Vote passed, *as above*, with too much Noise for any thing of Reason or Argument to be heard. This was no sooner over, but another Wise-man stands up, (whether he was a *Salter* or a *Grocer*, Authors are not agreed about it.) But addressing himself to the Chair, ‘ *Sir Pol*,
 ‘ *says he*, I understand this Count *Tariff*
 ‘ is a *French-man*, then to be sure he is a
 ‘ *Jacobite*, and will bring in the *Pretender*
 ‘ upon us; *ergo*, all they who are for
 ‘ Count *Tariff* are *Jacobites*. I desire it
 ‘ may be put to the Question; which was
 ‘ done thus:

RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this Society, that all those who are for Trading with a *French-man* are *JACOBITES*: Upon which the House divided, *Yeas* 116, *No’s* 11.

So it was carried by a great Majority; But that not being satisfactory to the Citizen who proposed it, *who was for thorough Work*, he moved again, and said, it was a
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Dis honour to the Club, that such a significant Vote *as that* should not have passed *Nemine contradicente*; and therefore the 11 No's ought to be Expelled the House, *which was accordingly done.*

The 11 Members who were voted expell'd, desired to explain themselves; but a Scots Pamphleteer, *since fled from Justice*, stood up, *and said*, the Tories condemned a Peer to lose his Head, in his Country, for offering an Explanation to a publick Act: and he was sure those 11 Members were Tories in Disguise; for sure none but a Tory would Trade with a *French-man*; and therefore he was for farther Prosecution against them: *Upon which* the 11 withdrew, for fear of some of his Justice.

The next Question was, *What Religion Count Tariff was of?* This produced a hideous Cry, of a *Papish*, a *Papish*, a *Papish*! no Trade with a *Papish*! no Trade with a *Papish*! and such as that: and this rung round the Club-Room, like a Vote in the Common-Hall when a Sheriff is put up from the Hustings, which is usually a Quarter of an Hour a sounding.

After many Debates of this nature, *it was resolved*, That the Votes of the Club should be made publick, and be sent down

into the *West* to their honoured Friend *Henry Wooll-pack*, Esq; and, that he be admonished by his trusty Correspondent *Josiah White-cloth*, and *Phil. Medley*, that as it is resolved in the Committee, that it cannot be safe for *England* that he should trade with Count *Tariff*, who is a *French-man*, a *Jacobite*, and a *Papist*; so that this is the Advice of the whole Club to him, and that he should take care not to be wheedled into it by Alderman *Traffick*, for that altho' the said *Traffick* was an experienc'd Merchant, and generally speaking, an honest Man; yet he was lately turned about, and was on the wrong Side; that it was to be feared he was inclined to the *Pretender*, and therefore he should have a care of him; for if he was drawn in to join in the Partnership, he was undone.

Nor did they stop here; but they order'd that the Character of Count *Tariff* should be defamed, and bespattered as much as possible by their Scots Pamphleteer aforesaid, as long as he durst stay for fear of the Pillory; and by their *Lying Posts*, their daily Libels, circular Letters, and scurrilous Prints of every kind, for which they had their Authors and Printers of the Society always in Pay: and they gave them
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a general Order, not to stick at any thing, so it would but blacken Count *Tariff* and Alderman *Traffick*; nor to stick at any Person that spake in their behalf, tho' it were the *Landlady* herself; agreeing also, that they would carry on the same Design themselves in all their Conversation, and at all the Committees of their Society held at the usual Places, *to wit*, the *Grecian*, *Jenny Man's*, *St. James's*, and those in the City, *viz.* *North's*, the *Amsterdam*, *Hamlin's*, &c. and that this should be carried on universally, without Respect of Persons as aforesaid; but especially upon their *Landlady*, who they reported to be sick and dying, and openly acknowledged they *wish'd it was so*, till the Brewer in *Thames-street* was taken up for it, which terrified the disbanded Officer aforesaid, and others his Neighbours, and made them more careful of their Tongues.

In the mean time Alderman *Traffick*, whose Genius was turned for Trade, and who understood it better than Sir *Pol*, or any of them, being convinc'd that the Partnership with Count *Tariff* was well-grounded, and that it was calculated for the general Good, not of himself only, but of his Partner *Harry Wooll-pack*, and all his Dependants, he resolved to regard

none of them, but to go on steadily in his Design of making the Partnership EFFECTUAL.

But the Alderman knowing what sort of People he had to do with, and what he was to expect from them afterwards; that he might leave them without Excuse, resolved to have their own Testimonials to what he was doing; and therefore long before he concluded the Treaty for this Partnership by his Agents abroad, he sent Letters down into the Country, not only to *Harry Wool-pack* himself, but to all his forementioned Friends and Dealers, such as *Josbua Double-dozen* of *Leeds*, *Tom Kersie* of *Hallifax*, *Sergius Perpetuanus* of *Exeter*, *Sir Isaac Re-bay* of *Colchester*, *Goad Cotton Esq;* and *Flannel ap Plane*, Clothiers of *North-Wales*; and to many more, which it would be too long to name here, signifying his Intention of entering into Partnership with *Count Tariff*, and asking their Opinion of the same, whether they thought it might be for the Publick Advantage or no; particularly and expressely desiring them, if they had any Objections to make, or any thing to propose for their own Advantage in the said Trade and Partnership with *Count Tariff*, that they would send up their said Requests and Objections

ons before the Partnership was concluded, and particularly their Opinions as to the Trade it self, after it should be agreed, whether it was for the Publick Advantage or no.

In Answer to this, *Harry Wooll-pack* in particular, and all the rest also, however they have been misguided since, sent up long Memorials and Representations, expressing their full Satisfaction in the said Partnership, and proposing such and such Alterations and Additions as they thought necessary to be provided against, altered or added; upon doing whereof, *they all* gave it under their hands, that the said *Partnership* would be very advantageous to them, and that a Trade with Count *Tariff* had been *before*, and would be *again*, with such Regulations, a very beneficial Trade to them and all their Neighbours: Which Memorials and Representations, under their Hands, are yet to be produced to their Faces, when occasion requires.

As Alderman *Traffick* was thus confirmed in his Opinion of the Goodness of his Design, not only by his own Judgment, but by the said Memorials and Representations of *Harry Woollpack*, and all his Friends, he gave Count *Tariff* an Invitation

tion to come over to *England*, in order to have the Partnership consummated, and the Articles MADE EFFECTUAL, who accordingly arrived here the 31st Day of *March* last, being the same Day that Sir *Pol* laid the Plan in the Club for his Destruction, as aforesaid.

No sooner was the *Count* arrived, but the Club began to put their Measures, *which they had resolved on*, in Execution: And FIRST, In order to make the Affair of the said Partnership a *Party-Cause*, they railed at him as a *Jacobite*, and caused a Report to be spread all over the Kingdom, that he had brought the *Pretender* with him, and particularly they took care to make *Harry Woollpack* really believe it; which was the first beginning of the Breach on that Side.

The poor *Count*, who never knew what *Whig* and *Tory* meant, and was of no Party, but for the Universal Good of Mankind, was surprized to hear them call him a *Jacobite*, and askt, *What Trade that was?*

‘ He told them, he never concerned him-
 ‘ self with Government, it was his Busi-
 ‘ ness always to submit to the legal Esta-
 ‘ blishment of the Country he was in,
 ‘ to pay Customs and Duties chearfully,
 ‘ and not only to augment the Revenues
 ‘ of

‘ of the Princes who Reigned, but to as-
 ‘ sist and enable their People to pay chear-
 ‘ fully and willingly whatever the Laws
 ‘ obliged them to; that it was his con-
 ‘ stant Custom to acknowledge the Power,
 ‘ but never concerned himself about the
 ‘ Persons Reigning, much less about those
 ‘ who should or should not succeed;
 ‘ and that for being a *Jacobite*, he knew
 ‘ nothing of it.

But let the *Count* say what he would,
 it was to no purpose, Sir *Pol* and his
 Club had Voted it, and the Cry was gone
 out into the Country, that *Count Tariff*
 was come over with the *French Ambassador*,
 and had brought over the *Pretender*,
 nay, and that he was actually lodged in
Somerset-house: The Design of this was to
 have the *Count* Mobb’d and torn to pieces
 in the Street; or else, which would an-
 swer *Mynheer Coopmanschap*’s end better,
 that he should be terrified with the Ap-
 prehensions of it, and should be obliged
 to retire with him to *Holland*.

But they were disappointed in the first
 part of their Project, for the *Count* ha-
 ving given Alderman *Traffick* full Satis-
 faction, that he was a Person wholly con-
 cerned in Matters of Trade, and in them
 only; and that he desired to have no
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other Business here; the *Alderman* protected him from the Mob, and from the fury of Sir *Pol*, and also cleared up his Character, as to *Jacobitism*, well enough.

The Party then finding themselves unable to hurt the *Count* this way, apply themselves to their OTHER METHOD, (*viz.*) To attack his Character, as to Trade; and here indeed they met with better Success, tho' it was by the help of the most scandalous Methods, and the unjust Practices in the World, as will appear in the sequel of our History.

To enter into the better Description of these things, we must go back to the *Club*, and to Sir *Pol* their Director: Sir *Pol*, who is naturally Cholerick, and abominably revengeful, having been heated with the Disappointment he had received, *as above*, and not being able to get the *Count* Mobb'd for a *Jacobite*, and for bringing over the *Pretender*; he called a *Club* on a *Saturday* Night late, and coming into the Assembly in a great Passion, told them, the *Alderman* had basely entertained *Count Tariff*, by Authority; and that he believed that even the LANDLADY her self was a *Jacobite*; and he did not question but the *Pretender* might have been found hid under *Count Tariff's* Cloak,
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or was pack'd up in his Equipage, if the Officers might have searched him ; whereas Alderman *Traffick* had forbidden them to Affront him ; but that he had been even both with the *Alderman* and the *Landlady* too for that, and had taken Care they should be both Exposed for it over the whole Nation ; and upon this he called for the *Scots* Pamphleeter who pulled out two Printed Ballads, which, he said, would do their Business; one was *The Merchant Alamode*; the other *The Ambassadors Speech*, which he gave about to the whole Club, and ordered Copies to be distributed to *Harry Woollpack* and his Friends, by the Printer to the Society.

It was true, that those Wicked Measures of Sir *Pol* and his Fraternity, did a little stagger *Harry Woollpack* and his Friends, so that they began to decline the Partnership which Alderman *Traffick* had made, and sent up Letters and Addresses to the *Alderman*, not to go on with it; and made some Clamours against making it EFFECTUAL, as shall be shewn in its place; which Proceedings occasioned some delay in the Matter at first, but their Eyes were soon opened, and they were all convinced of their Mistake at last; and
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tho' 'tis true it was too late to retrieve the first Damages of the thing, yet it taught them to know Sir *Pol* a little better than they did before, and to have a care of him accordingly ; which tended, in the end, to the Effectual settling the Affair. But to return to Sir *Pol* and the Club.

The Club received his last Harangue with great Satisfaction, and were more especially diverted with the Ballads ; for any thing that affronted their *Landlady* was always agreeable to the Club : But their Mirth was almost spoiled by an unlucky Motion, made by one of their own Body, *tho' Innocently*, for he was as much a well-wisher to Sir *Pol* and to his Country's disorder, as any of them, but was not let into the whole Secrets of Management, and did not know that the Work was to be done *Per fas* aut *Ne fas* : This grave Citizen was a *Warehouselman* by Occupation, and therefore mightily concerned for the Woollen Manufacture, tho' History has not recorded his Name : This Man standing up in his place, told the Chairman that he approved very well of what Sir *Pol* had proposed, as to defaming and blackning Count *Tariff* and his Adherents, to turn *Harry Woolpack* and his Friends
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against the proposed Partnership, and to raise the Mob upon *Count Tariff*; only, *says he*, ‘ I think it would be necessary to
 ‘ get a certain eminent old Citizen,
 ‘ whom I was formerly acquainted with,
 ‘ on our Side, in all we do of this Na-
 ‘ ture ; one, *says he*, you have all heard
 ‘ of, for he fined for Alderman in the time
 ‘ of Sir *William Turner*, was well ac-
 ‘ quainted with the *French Trade*; and
 ‘ might be a match for old Alderman
 ‘ *Traffick*, or any of them, and this is old
 ‘ Merchant FACT; for, *continues he*, the
 ‘ Reputation of this old Gentleman is
 ‘ such, that no Body will question what
 ‘ we say, if he is on our Side; and on the
 ‘ other hand, if *Count Tariff* should get
 ‘ him *from us*, it will put us to a very
 ‘ great *Nonplus*.

Upon this Motion Sir *Pol* stood up, and first looking about to see if the Door was shut, and none of the Drawers in the Room, ‘ GENTLEMEN, *says he*,
 ‘ what Deputy has proposed
 ‘ is very good, and would be to the Pur-
 ‘ pose, and I have been trying some time
 ‘ to get this old Gentleman on our Side;
 ‘ but I must tell you *in Confidence*, that he
 ‘ is gone out of the way, and I *fear* is
 ‘ gone over to the Enemy, or at least
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‘ has withdrawn himself; whereupon,
 ‘ having seriously bethought my self, I
 ‘ have found out two Expedients in order
 ‘ to supply his Place.

‘ 1. Says he, I own ’tis absolutely ne-
 ‘ cessary to make *Harry Woolpack* and his
 ‘ People believe that Merchant FACT
 ‘ is really on our Side; and therefore I
 ‘ have resolved to take that part upon
 ‘ my self, and set up a Counterfeit Mer-
 ‘ chant FACT in his room, which I will
 ‘ show to the Mob, as I find occasion:
 ‘ nay, rather than fail, says Sir *Pol*, I’ll
 ‘ counterfeit Merchant FACT my self;
 ‘ indeed I must be concealed from those
 ‘ People’s View who are well acquainted
 ‘ with his Countenance, or with his Mind;
 ‘ but as to *Harry Woolpack* he will take
 ‘ any thing we say to him upon Trust;
 ‘ and we have nothing to do, as to him,
 ‘ but to say we have got Merchant FACT
 ‘ on our Side, and he will presently cry
 ‘ out of all that Count *Tariff* and his
 ‘ Friends can say, that *it is all Lyes*, and
 ‘ therefore, if you please, leave this to my
 ‘ Management; it is but putting a good
 ‘ Face to it: I make no question, but
 ‘ we shall carry it as well, as if we had
 ‘ Merchant FACT along with us, for
 ‘ Noise and Falshood, at this time of
 ‘ Day,

‘ Day, will with good Management go
 ‘ as far as Fact and Truth can do.

2. To carry on this Disguise with the
 ‘ greater certainty of Success, continues
 ‘ he, I have found out an excellent As-
 ‘ sistant, and one that stood a fast Friend
 ‘ to me, in former Days, when the Citi-
 ‘ zens our Ancestors had just such another
 ‘ Game to play upon King *Charles II.*

‘ This Assistant, *says he*, has misled the
 ‘ City these thirty Years with such Dex-
 ‘ terity and such admirable Success, that
 ‘ no Body has discovered or detected him
 ‘ yet, having thirteen or fourteen Hands
 ‘ of the principal Merchants of *London*,
 ‘ to a Certificate of his Integrity in the
 ‘ Year 1674; these he drew in at that
 ‘ time, without any enquiry, to Vouch
 ‘ for him, taking all he said upon Trust:
 ‘ And that I may hold you in suspense
 ‘ no longer, this is the famous SCHEME
 ‘ OF TRADE brought up with old
 ‘ *Whiston*, the Devil’s Broker, and as ac-
 ‘ curate a Lyar as ever his Master was.

The Assembly received this Proposal of
 Sir Pol’s with a general Approbation, and
 recommended to him the necessary Dis-
 patch: In the mean time, Count *Tariff*
 began to appear abroad again, and Al-
 derman *Traffick* declared that he had en-
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tered into Partnership with him, and that he had resolved to apply to the *Landlady* to have the Articles of the said Partnership MADE EFFECTUAL by Law.

Now was Sir *Pol* to play his Game, or never, for Alderman *Traffick* pushed on his Design to a Hearing, before such Judges as the LANDLADY had directed it to be laid before; wherefore, *in the First place*, Sir *Pol* attacks him with publick Defamation, *as was agreed before*, and spread a thousand Clandestine Stories about of his Behaviour; as that he was Clandestinely run away from his Partners abroad, that he had broke his word there, and never kept his Articles with any Body; so that there was no depending upon any thing he said; that he was a Bankrupt, and had not paid his Debts, and therefore it was not safe to enter into any Treaty of Partnership with him; that he pretended to come hither for Trade, and to buy a great many Woollen Manufactures, but that his Design was of another kind; that he was no Friend to Trade at all, but a meer *Papish*, and a *Jacobite*, and had a Design to bring in the *Pretender*; that he intended not to buy any of our Manufactures, and was so far from
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wanting Woollen Manufactures at home, that he was the Inventor and Encourager of that new Invention among his own Tenants, of making *fine* Goods of *coarse* Wooll, as abovesaid; and of making fundry Woollen Manufactures without any Wooll AT ALL; in which he had made a very considerable Progress; now tho' among Merchants, this way of Defaming a Man, is very Barbarous and Infamous also, yet Count *Tariff* bore it without any Concern, and went on with his Business.

Sir *Pol*, and his Party, then finding this would not do neither, and that Count *Tariff*'s Reputation was so clear, that if they did not find out some other way to Ruin him, he would not carry his Point; they resolved to spring their *last Mine*, and blow him up at once; to this purpose OLD SCHEME, the Fellow mentioned before; who, *as above*, had lived several Years by Cheating, and Counterfeiting Names, making false Accounts, forming Abstracts of the Custom-House Books, *and the like*, is brought out to act his part upon Count *Tariff*, to get him Indicted for a Cheat, and so they resolved to bring him to a Tryal. This old *Knight of the Post* having his Lesson given

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him, alledged, that the *Count* came hither to sell his Goods for ready Mony, and carry it away in Specie, contrary to the Act of Parliament in that Case made and provided; that he had Contracted to turn OWLER, and carry away our Wooll *Unmanufactured* into *France*; that all the Accounts given by Alderman *Traffick* of the large Commissions the *Count* had brought from *France*, for buying *English* Woollen Manufactures, was a meer Cheat; that he had 25 Ships already upon the Coast loaden with Wine and Brandy, which must be all paid for in Mony, the Bills being drawn already, and accepted; that he was in a Plot to introduce the French Wines to be the common Draught, instead of *neat-Port*, contrary to the Inclination of our *Soveraign Lord the People*; and to poison us all with *French* Brandy; our own Malt Spirits being known to be much wholsomer.

These, and many other heinous Crimes, being laid to Count *Tariff's* Charge by this suborner old SCHEME, they pushed on the Process, and got Count *TARIFF* arraigned for a Cheat, in the Name, and at the Suit of *Henry Woollpack* and Company; tho' without their actual Consent too.

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The *Count*, who knew his own Innocence, did not question but in such a Religious Nation as this was fam'd to be, he should have Justice done him; and therefore tho' he might have pleaded *to the Jurisdiction of the Court*, as having entered into a Partnership, which those who contracted it with him, were *undoubtedly impowered* by their own *Natural Right* to engage in; and that without giving an Account to any Body; *and tho' also* he might have pleaded the Law of Nations for Protection; yet waving all these things, he frankly offered himself to the Court, and desired to be brought *to Tryal*, which accordingly was done.

Upon his Tryal, the usual Forms having passed, and *the Charge* being read, the first thing that gave the Court some Diversion, was the detecting Sir *Pol*; for he had Disguised himself, and appeared in Court under the Name of **MERCHANT FACT**; but as he was personating the old Man, and endeavouring also to speak as if he had lost his Teeth, that he might conceal the Hesitations which *want of Truth* obliged him frequently to make; by great Misfortune, all on a sudden his **FALSE BEARD** fell off;

off; this made him be more strictly observed, and some Persons in Court, who formerly had some Acquaintance with the real Merchant FACT, spoke openly, and offered to prove that this was not the Man; upon which all the honest People that stood by, hissed at him most intolerably; and if ever he could have Blushed in his Life, it was thought it would have been at this time.

Tho' he found himself thus detected, yet wanting no Assurance, he turned it off with a ready shift, that indeed he was not Merchant FACT of *London*, but he was Goodman FACT of *Gloucestershire*, and he hoped, he said, that if he was a true FACT, the Difference of City-Fact or Country-FACT would not be much.

The Court allowed that in his favour, and then put him to the proof of what he had said, for which he appealed all along to his FACT-OR old *Scheme*.

The whole Charge being read, and all Sir Pol and his Voucher old *Scheme* had to say, being heard with the utmost patience by the Court; Count *Tariff* was allowed to speak for himself.

He spoke with great Modesty of himself: He said, ' That he was no Cheat, ' and had no Evil Design; that he had
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‘ always been a Friend to the *British*
 ‘ Commerce, and that he had been sus-
 ‘ pected in his own Country on that Ac-
 ‘ count ; that he came to reside here
 ‘ for the Benefit of *Great-Britain* ; that he
 ‘ could have had very advantageous Con-
 ‘ ditions, if he would have joined with
 ‘ *Mynheer van Coopmanschap*, and never have
 ‘ come here at all ; and that he could still
 ‘ be very well received, if he would en-
 ‘ gage with him, instead of the *English*
 ‘ Merchants ; that he was so far from
 ‘ being in Debt abroad, that on the
 ‘ contrary, *Mynheer van Coopmanschap* owed
 ‘ him twenty Millions of Guilders, and
 ‘ he was ready to prove it by his Books ;
 ‘ but that he feared very much he should
 ‘ never get his Money.

‘ He told them, that considering how
 ‘ well it was known, that he came hi-
 ‘ ther with no other Intent but purely
 ‘ to do the Nation Service, and that the
 ‘ *Dutch* might not run away with their
 ‘ Trade ; he was surprized that he should
 ‘ meet with such Treatment : That he
 ‘ expected better Usage ; that he had
 ‘ been promised he should be Amicably
 ‘ received when he came hither, and
 ‘ that by some who *he saw* appeared very
 ‘ warm against him now, and who he

‘ took for Men of more Honour. This Reflected upon *Harry Woollpack* and his Friends, who indeed began to be ashamed of Sir *Pol*, and to sneak away one by one.

He went on to Complain, ‘ That the
 ‘ Witnesses who appeared against him
 ‘ were scandalous Fellows; that Merchant *Fact* was personated indeed, but it
 ‘ was a Counterfeit; for Merchant FACT
 ‘ was his old Acquaintance and Correspondent, and he knew him very well;
 ‘ he was a *middle sized FAIR Gentleman*,
 ‘ of an honest Countenance, and a calm composed Temper: But as to that tall,
 ‘ black, passionate, hangman look’d Fellow,
 ‘ who called himself Merchant FACT, he
 ‘ was not in the least like him; and he much
 ‘ wondered, he said, that any Court of
 ‘ Justice should admit *counterfeit FACTS*
 ‘ for *true*, especially after they were so
 ‘ openly Detected.

‘ Then, as to OLD SCHEME, *he*
 ‘ said, he was an Upstart that indeed he
 ‘ had not heard of before, but upon hearing his Evidence, he would undertake
 ‘ to prove upon the spot, that he was
 ‘ guilty of *Lying* and *Counterfeiting*, and
 ‘ that he had practised those things ever
 ‘ since

‘ since the Year 1674. and he desired he
 ‘ might call his Witneses to this.

The Court was very much moved at this Discourse, and readily gave the *Count* leave to call his Witneses, which made every Body believe that he would carry his Cause, and indeed Sir *Pol*’s Friends began to despair for him; for the *Count* in the first place produced a whole Cart-load of Books, Draughts, Accounts, and other Papers from the Custom-house, with the proper Officers attending, to Vouch their being Authentick, and the Commissioners Hands to them; upon Examining whereof, it appeared that OLD SCHEME had really drawn false Accounts, counterfeited the Names who he had pretended had attested them, and that none of all the Accounts he had produced, agreed with the Originals in the Custom-house Books; from whence he pretended he had copied them.

This caused the Court very much to resent the Usage they had met with from the old Knave, and some Authors affirm, that it was moved he should be exposed, and his Accounts burnt by the Hangman; but the turn that afterwards happened to

these things, saved him from receiving his just Reward *at that time.*

This put Sir Pol's Party into a great Consternation: But Sir Pol, who never was at a loss, produced in the next place, a great Number of Petitions from Country and City, *the first* procured by the two *Blackwell-Hall* Factors, formerly mentioned: These had sent blank Petitions of their own drawing up, to *Harry Woolpack's* Friends all over *England*, telling the Country Clothiers by Letters, that if they did not Sign them they were undone; and their Trade would be all given away to *France*; *the last* was from the Weavers and Companies in *London*, procured by the same Sollicitation, and most of the said last Petitions having the same Hands to them all.

Against these, Alderman *Traffick*, in behalf of Count *Tariff*, produced a Multitude of Representations from all parts of *England* to himself, being the same formerly mentioned, entreating him to invite Count *Tariff* over hither, and to engage in Partnership with him; expressing their great Satisfaction, and how advantageous it would be to the Nation, if he could be prevailed upon to become Partner with *Harry Woolpack* and himself,

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as aforesaid ; representing also what an advantageous Trade *Great-Britain* enjoyed formerly, when the old real Merchant **FACT**, and the *Count* corresponded together : And that which was most surprizing in this part of the *Count's* Defence was, that many of these Petitions and Representations were from the very same Places, and Signed by the very same Hands which had Signed Sir *Pol's* Petitions, (*viz.*) from *Harry Woollpack* and his Friends, abovenamed ; which was a clear Proof, that Party and Faction had procured the *last*, and Truth and Reason had procured the *first*.

Sir *Pol* finding that it thus went against him, and that he was in danger of losing his Cause, had got one Card left to play, which indeed carried the whole Cause, and ruined all the Measures which *Alderman Traffick* had laid for making this Partnership **EFFECTUAL** ; and this was to bring a **MOB** and make a Tumult round about the Court ; These *old Scheme* had prepared for his Attendants, consisting of *Harry Woollpack's* Servants and Dependents, tho' their Master was withdrawn, as before, (*viz.*) Cloth-workers, Dyers, Packers, Calenders, Setters, Hot-pressers, *Blackwell-Hall FACT-ORS*, with their

their Apprentices, Porters, Carmen, and whatever Sir *Pol* and *Scheme* by their mighty Interest could get together. These raised a Hubbub without the Court, crying out, no Count *Tariff*, no *Tariff*; send away Count *Tariff*! Let the *Dutch* or the Devil have Count *Tariff*, and Alderman *Traffick* too, we care not; no **TARIFF**, no **TARIFF**; likewise all the while the Court were considering of the Case, and preparing to give their Opinion, Sir *Pol* and *old Scheme*, who had now no other Game to play, and were at their Wits end, interrupted them with a hideous Noise and Clamour; crying no *Tariff*, no *Tariff*; nay, some it seems cryed, no *Trade*, no *Tariff*.

This, as Noise generally does in the like Cases, was said to have influenced many, whether it intimidated any or no, History is silent as to that; but Sir *Pol* saw evidently, that it had turned the Scale very much on his Side: At length a certain *Suffolk Gentleman* then in Court, desired leave to offer an Expedient to appease the present Tumult, and satisfy all Parties; which having been granted, he began to speak, 'He acknowledged, That he had been as forward as any for the Count's coming over; he said, that he was still of the
' Opinion

‘ Opinion, that Count *Tariff* was capable
 ‘ of laying a good Foundation for the In-
 ‘ terest of *Great-Britain*, and *that* he ab-
 ‘ horred the Tricks and Forgeries of Sir
 ‘ *Pol*, and his Sham-Evidence *Old Scheme*,
 ‘ as much as any one did; *that* he had
 ‘ given his Assistance in drawing the
 ‘ Partnership now in Debate, and did
 ‘ think the Articles of it were a sufficient
 ‘ Ground to establish the Commerce of
 ‘ the Nation upon: *But that*, in regard
 ‘ the Noise was so great, and the Cla-
 ‘ mour without doors so loud, *that* nei-
 ‘ ther the Count nor his Witnesses could
 ‘ be heard; and that the Term being now
 ‘ expiring, *the Court* could not sit long
 ‘ enough to determine a thing of so great
 ‘ Consequence; he proposed therefore *that*
 ‘ Persons might be chosen on both sides,
 ‘ and appointed to adjust such Matters as were
 ‘ not fully settled, and to explain the several
 ‘ Meanings of both sides; so that an entire
 ‘ Scheme of the Trade, which Count *Tariff*
 ‘ proposed, might be framed, which might
 ‘ fully answer the good Intentions of the
 ‘ LANDLADY for the Good and Welfare
 ‘ of her Tenants: And that to this pur-
 ‘ pose, the Debate about confirming the
 ‘ Articles of the Partnership with Count
 ‘ *Tariff*, and making the same EFFEC-
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' T U A L, might be delayed for the pre-
 ' sent, to be reassumed the first Cause
 ' next *Michaelmas-Term*, and then to be
 ' fully discussed, try'd and determined,
 ' by a Jury of *Landed-Men*, to be retur-
 ' ned by all the High Sheriffs of *Great-*
 ' *Britain*; and that in the mean time Di-
 ' rection might be given, that the Court
 ' might be imposed upon by no more
 ' Counterfeits, no more Goodman FACTS,
 ' but that the true Merchant FACT of
 ' *London* might be found out, and desired
 ' to appear; to whom all due Respect,
 ' Honour and Regard, should be shewn
 ' by the Court.

This, after some Debate, being put to
 the Question, and carry'd by a Majority
 of nine Voices, the Cause was put off
 accordingly.

As soon as Mynheer *Van Coopmanschap*,
 who lay all this while concealed at a cer-
 tain Lawyer's Chamber in the *Temple*,
 had an Account of this Success, he came
 down to the Club with great Joy, having
 first, by Advice of Sir *Pol* and other Mem-
 bers of his Acquaintance, sent several
 Loads of Fagots to *Basinghall-street*, *Spittle-*
fields, *Ludgate-hill*, and other convenient
 Places, to make Bonfires and please their
 Mob.

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Being come into the Club, 'he return'd
 ' them his hearty Thanks for the great
 ' Service they had done him, which he
 ' assured them he would endeavour to re-
 ' turn, upon all occasions; if they should
 ' have any need of him, whether upon
 ' falling out with their LANDLADY,
 ' or in whatever Business, they should re-
 ' quire his Assistance.

He told them, ' He hop'd they would
 ' continue the same Care for his Affairs,
 ' against the next Term; and especially,
 ' to provide good Advocates to plead for
 ' him: He likewise told them, he doubted
 ' not but he should renew his Partner-
 ' ship with Count *Tariff* the next Morn-
 ' ing, for he was a Person that could not
 ' be out of Business: And so making a
 ' *very low Bow*, he offered to take his Leave.

But Sir *Pol* making a Sign to him to
 stay, stood up, and spoke to him to the
 following Purpose.

' *He told him,* The Society was very
 ' glad they had been serviceable to him
 ' in this Affair; that they were well sa-
 ' tisfied that he should enter into the
 ' Partnership with Count *Tariff*, as he
 ' desired, tho' thereby he should engross
 ' all the Trade to himself; that they
 ' would not fail to use their Interest, to
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‘ get him good Lawyers to plead for him
 ‘ against next Term; and particularly he
 ‘ told him, that they would use their
 ‘ Endeavours to get the High Sheriffs to
 ‘ return him a good Jury, who should
 ‘ be as willing to give up the Trade of
 ‘ the Kingdom to him as the Club had
 ‘ been; which, he said, required a great
 ‘ deal of Art and good Management on
 ‘ their part to bring to pass.

‘ *He put him in mind* however, That the
 ‘ Club had pawn’d their Credit with
 ‘ *Harry Wool-pack* and his Friends in the
 ‘ Country, and with all the Mob that
 ‘ they had gotten together to make a
 ‘ Noise for him; that he (*Mynheer*) and
 ‘ his Partners in *Holland*, would take off
 ‘ all their Woollen Manufactures and Fish;
 ‘ and, that they should have no Loss by
 ‘ their refusing the Partnership with
 ‘ *Count Tariff*: which if I had not done,
 ‘ *says Sir Pol*, and my good Friend here
 ‘ **Mr. SCHEME**, you had had no Ap-
 ‘ pearance for you to day, and had cer-
 ‘ tainly lost your Point: And therefore
 ‘ *Mynheer*, said *Sir Pol*, we hope you will
 ‘ be as good as your Word, and keep up
 ‘ our Credit with the Country, without
 ‘ which we shall never be able to get
 ‘ you a good Jury chosen.

‘ *Mynheer*

‘ *Mynheer* chang’d the Air of his Coun-
 ‘ tenance upon this Proposal, and told
 ‘ them *coldly*, he would do them what
 ‘ Service he could; but that as to the
 ‘ Fish-Trade, it was out of his way to
 ‘ buy any in *Britain*, he having Ships of
 ‘ his own with which he could catch them
 ‘ on our *North-coasts* sooner than we did
 ‘ our selves.

‘ But as to our Woollen Manufactures,
 ‘ he said he would take a pretty large
 ‘ Quantity of *Glocestershire-cloths* and *Exe-*
 ‘ *ter-serges*; only he said he must have
 ‘ the Cloths WHITE, and the Serges
 ‘ in the GREASE, because the Dying,
 ‘ Dressing, &c. was to be done in *Hol-*
 ‘ *land*, that his own poor Servants might
 ‘ be employed.

Having said thus, he withdrew; and
 the next Morning having enter’d into a
 Partnership with Count *Tariff*, for one
 Year certain, they went away together for
Amsterdam, where, as we are informed,
 they drive a very great Trade; and Count
Tariff, in particular, has already bought
 a very great Quantity of *East-India-Goods*
 of him, with 20000 Hogsheads of *Guel-*
derland Tobacco, and other Goods in pro-
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The Club being thus disappointed, appeared very much dejected; and we hear that *Harry Wooll-pack* and his Friends are gone home into the Country, in a Fret, disoblig'd and dissatisfied; as they might very well be, their Manufactures being thrown back upon their hands by the *Dutchman* now his own Ends were served.

Mynheer Van Coopmanschap being gone, and Count *Tariff* also, the Chair-man thought fit to appoint, that the Committee should meet every Evening to concert Measures for the carrying on the Interest of *Mynheer*, according to their Promise; and to oppose every one that in the least countenanced the Partnership with Alderman *Traffick*: And to the end that this might be done more effectually, Sir *Pol* proposed, that they should send for their Scots Pamphleteer, who had formerly done them very good Service in frequent publishing their Scandals, and who being lately fled from Justice, had been entertained in *Coopmanschap's* Family abroad. This was no sooner agreed to, but the Fugitive appeared in the Club, having been lurking about the Town for some time; and was set immediately to work to write Pamphlets in Favour of *Mynheer Coopmanschap*. It

It cannot be expected we can collect all the scurrilous Invectives which History has given an Account of, that were written upon this Occasion, as well against Count *Tariff*, as against the LANDLADY herself; the first were especially directed to reconcile the People to the breaking off the Partnership between Count *Tariff* and Alderman *Traffick*, and to inflame *Harry Wooll-pack* again; so that instead of being sensible of his Loss, and the Injury done to his Trade, he should like well to have all the Business go through old *Coopmanschap's* Hands, and himself be a *Jack-hold-my-staff* to the *Dutch-man*.

This was the more difficult for them to effect, because *Harry Wooll-pack* had been so ill used by *Mynheer*, and had seen so much of his Knavery in the late *Trial*; especially when the pretended Merchant *FACT's* false Beard dropt off, and discover'd him to be no *FACT*, but meer *Sir Pol Falshood*, disguised in the Habit of the true Merchant *FACT*; that he was gone down in the Country disgusted, and had openly said, they were a Pack of Knaves; and, that he would never have any more to do with them; that they were in a Confederacy with *Old Coopmanschap*, to enrich him at the Ex-

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pence of their Country, and to let him make a Monopoly of the English Trade.

Sir *Pol* was not ignorant, that it was absolutely necessary, in order to prevent their present Design, that they should bring over this *Harry Wooll-pack* again; and to this end, they were to set all their Engines at work to blow Dust into his Eyes, that he should not see too far into their Measures. The Methods they took for this, as is said before, are too many to be inserted in this place; but the Histories of those Times cannot fail to supply the Want. It may suffice to let the Reader know, that this was diligently endeavoured by charging Alderman *Traffick* with the Breach of a Partnership he had been engaged in with *Don Sebastian*, a Portuguese Merchant, and with threatening what a great Damage it would be to *Harry Wooll-pack* if *Don Sebastian* should take the Pett, and refuse to Trade with him and his Friends; altho' it was well known that *Don Sebastian* had no other Market for his own Goods, nor could he be supplied any other way with such Goods as *Harry Wooll-pack* Traded in; and besides all that, *Don Sebastian* was so Embarrassed, with reference to a neighbouring Merchant, who demanded great Arrears from him, of an old

old Contract that was between them, which amounted to more than the said *Don Sebastian* was able to pay; that he was fain to make use of Alderman *Traffick*, and his Interest, to prevent a very great Suit at *Law* being commenc'd against him; and it was very improbable that he would do any thing so very affronting to Alderman *Traffick* as what these Men talked of, at the same time that he was so much obliged to him other ways.

On the other hand, *Don Sebastian* saw that there was so much Necessity for what Alderman *Traffick* had done, with respect to some Particulars of their Partnership, that he appeared very well satisfied therewith, and did not pretend to take any Step that look'd as if there was any Unkindness between them: So that all the Clamour on that side ceased, and *Don Sebastian* very freely offered to renew his Partnership with Alderman *Traffick* upon Terms of Friendship, and good Correspondence, and to Trade together as much as ever they did. On the other hand, Alderman *Traffick* espoused the Interest of *Don Sebastian* so heartily and so effectually, being made Arbitrator between him and his Neighbour *Don Philippo* the Spanish Merchant, that he got that Breach

amicably made up, and a chargeable Suit at Law, which he was threatned with, effectually prevented.

This was such a piece of Service to *Don Sebastian*, and he being a Person of great Honour and Gratitude, was made so sensible of it, that it prevented all manner of Misunderstanding between him and Alderman *Traffick*, to the great Mortification of Sir *Pol* and his Friends, who had made a mighty great Noise of this Business.

Being disappointed in their Measures in this Particular, and not able to bring over *Harry Wooll-pack*, as they designed to do, to their Party; the next thing they went about was, to see what they were able to do as to getting a pack'd Jury against Count *Tariff's* Tryal came on.

Writing Pamphlets, and filling the Country with most abominable Untruths, Scandal, Slander, and false Rumours, to make the People uneasy, this was their stated never-failing Method; but the main Point was, to bring the Character of Count *Tariff* into Contempt; to which nothing was wanting, that could possibly be done by Men who neither valued their own Reputation, or any Man's else; nay, even the LANDLADY her self was in
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a most unchristian manner insulted by their Writers, and treated with the greatest Indecency imaginable, although they knew her to be the best of Landladies, and though they enjoyed their Shops with the utmost Quiet under her, paying as little Rent as could be expected; and although she had successfully protected them against all those who would have disturbed them.

Whenever these Pamphleteers had printed any thing that treated their said LANDLADY either disrespectfully or injuriously, or that insulted her in the Government of her own Affairs; the Club industriously conveyed those Prints throughout the whole Kingdom, and spread them among all her Tenants and Servants, in order to accustom and inure them to treat her in the same manner.

As to her immediate Servants, they were treated by these People in the most scandalous manner imaginable; and upon all Occasions so scurrilously and injuriously used in their ordinary Business, and in the Discharge of their Duty to their *Landlady* and *Mistress*, that it look'd not only as if these Men had a Right superior even to their *Landlady* her self, but that she was not lawfully Lady of the Manour,

or were not rightful Possessor of the Tenements which she had let to them.

This they thought was useful to awe and brow-beat those good Country People whose proper Business it was to bring the Names of those Gentlemen to the High Sheriffs, &c. who were to return the Jury by whom Count *Tariff* was to be tried.

But this had a quite contrary Effect; for when the Country Tenants, especially *Harry Wooll-pack* and his People, came to see how their good *Landlady* was served, for whom they had an unfeigned Zeal and Affection; and upon what Account, and with what little Reason she was so unmannerly and undutifully handled, it raised their Passions to the highest degree, and they resolved to have nothing to do with *Sir Pol* and his Party.

This also had a good effect the other way; for, it discovered the Designs of *Sir Pol* and his CLUB, and it gave the People Warning against being farther imposed upon; by which means there appears a general good Disposition among them all, to choose such a Jury as shall hear the Cause of Count *Tariff* with Impartiality, and that will not be bullied by *Sir Politick Falshood* and his *False-beard*,
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or be put off from doing Justice by the
Noise of his Rabble; so that there is no
Question but the Partnership between
Count *Tariff* and Alderman *Traffick* will
be approved, and the Articles thereof,
upon a fair and full hearing of the Cause,
be made EFFECTUAL.

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Since the aforefaid Memoirs were written, we are given to understand, that there are divers Accounts come from abroad, of the great Joy which the rejecting Count *Tariff* in *England*, has occasioned in *France*, especially among the Manufacturers of Woollen Goods, in the several Provinces of *Languedoc*, *Pictou*, *Anjou*, &c. where upon the first News of the Treaty of a Partnership between Count *Tariff*; and *Harry Woolpack*, Alderman *Traffick*, and others in *London*, the People were under the greatest Consternation imaginable; knowing that if that *Partnership* went on, and should be made EFFECTUAL by Alderman *Traffick's* Landlady; and that Count *Tariff* had come off at his Tryal with that Applause which they heard was expected, their several Undertakings of Woollen Manufactures in those Places would be ruined,

They had represented this before to Count *Tariff* himself, humbly Addressing
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and Entreating him not to enter into Partnership with Alderman *Traffick*, for that it would be to the ruin of his own Country if he did : They also applyed themselves to their own *Landlord*, to try if he could be prevailed upon to prevent Count *Tariff* from entering into any Engagement which would be so fatal to all his Tenants.

But the *Landlord's* Circumstances were at that time such, that he could not conveniently interpose in the Matter ; for Alderman *Traffick's* *Landlady*, and he, had newly ended a long and chargeable SUIT at LAW, and being made Friends, he was unwilling to Disoblige her, tho' he complied with Conditions, which at other Times he would not have done ; nor had the Partnership with Count *Tariff* ever been made upon such advantageous Terms, if it had not been so.

Being thus repulsed by their *Landlord*, the poor Manufacturers had no recourse but to Count *Tariff*, entreating him not to engage with Alderman *Traffick*, and representing that it would be their utter ruin, if they did ; that they should never get any WOOLL to go on with their Manufactures, and without which it was impossible for them to carry on their Trade :

Trade: They knew, *they said*, that Alderman Traffick, and his Partner Harry Woollpack, were utter Enemies to them and to their Employment, and would Effectually put a stop to their having any Wooll from *Great-Britain* or *Ireland*, without which they should be all undone; whereas those People who had managed the Trade in *Great-Britain* formerly, were very easie in that Affair, and at least were slack in preventing the Exportation of their Wooll; so that they could get over whatever Quantity they had occasion for.

They farther represented to him, that if he went on with this Partnership, it would bring in such a prodigious Quantity of *Woollen Manufactures* from *England* upon them; and that so much better than any they could make at home, that no one would buy their Goods made in *France*: As to the high Duties which they were informed he would take off, they represented, that the *English* Manufactures would not only be better than theirs, but would thereby be *cheaper also*; for that notwithstanding their People worked as cheap, and fared as hard as any People in the World, yet they were but young, and unexperienced in the Trade,
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and had not the Arts of doing every thing so at first hand, as the *English*: Nor had they Materials as the *English* had, but at very remote distances, and upon much dearer Terms than the *English* had; so that AS it had been impossible for them to set up their several Manufactures, if it had not been for Count *Tariff*'s breaking off his former Partnerships in *Britain*, in the Years 1667, 1687, and 1701, by which the Markets were their own, and they were admitted to sell at what Price they pleased; SO it would be impossible for them to go on with any Success, if he should renew his said Business; and engage anew with the said *Traffick* and *Woollpack*, who were sworn Enemies to their Trade.

These Representations, however importunate, and made by vast Numbers of the said *Count*'s Tenants and Servants, yet could not prevail with the *Count* at all; especially when Alderman *Traffick*'s Landlady interposed her good Offices to have the Partnership agreed on; so that as you have heard the Affair went on successfully, and the Partnership was concluded; only that it wanted some Ratifications to make the same EFFECTUAL among *Harry Woollpack*'s Friends, and others, as has been shewn. The

The poor Manufacturers being thus repulsed, were driven even to Despair, and had no remedy but Prayers and Tears, for they are not such noisie Fellows as our Sir *Pol* and old *Scheme* brought along with them to the Parliament: They dare not come up with their Mob at their heels, and interrupt the Assembly and Parliaments of their Country, with their Clamours and Cries of *no Tariff! no Tariff! no English Partnership!* and the like; but seeing the same like to go on, they sat down with a profound Submission to their *Landlord*, but at the same time crying universally to one another, that they were all undone, and their Trade ruined.

As their Grief was inexpressible at the prospect of the opening of the *English* Commerce into *France*, so when they understood how things were like to go in *England*, they began to revive in their Hopes; and having their trusty Agents in the Club it self, at *London*, by whom they had Intelligence every Post, how things went on, those Agents did not fail to push forwards Sir *Pol* and the *Club*, to insult Count *Tariff* as much as possible, and in order to this, they scattered about private Papers, signifying, that Count *Tariff* had little or
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no Influence on the Woollen Manufactures in his own Country; that they were now come to that Perfection, that they valued *no English Manufactures at all*, but made them better at home; and were able not only to supply themselves, but all the World, and even *Britain* it self.

These were the Men that put it into *Sir Pol's* Head, to impose a distracted Notion upon the Club, (*viz.*) That there was a Project set up in *France* to make Woollen Manufactures without WOOLL at all; and thus they help'd blow the Coals up in the Club against *Count Tariff*; when, at the same time, they in *France* were in the utmost Consternation, for fear his Articles with *Alderman Traffick* should be made EFFECTUAL.

But it is impossible to express the Joy of the poor People, all over the afore-said Provinces, where the Woollen Manufactures are made, when their Agents in the Club wrote them the following Letter, which being written in *French*, we thought fit to Translate for the benefit of the Publick.

Messieurs,

Messieurs,

‘ **W**E do our selves the Honour to
 ‘ acquaint you, that we are just
 ‘ now returned from the Assembly of
 ‘ Estates of this Country, where the Case
 ‘ of Count *Tariff*, and his new Partner-
 ‘ ship, was brought to a Tryal; we have
 ‘ been assisting in the Club of the City-
 ‘ Malecontents, *and others*, in raising an
 ‘ hideous outcry in the Streets and outer
 ‘ Courts of the Parliament, where we
 ‘ met with a great Number of their
 ‘ Canaille to say, *no Tariff! no Tariff!* which
 ‘ has had the desired Success; for the
 ‘ Court has refused to make the said
 ‘ Partnership EFFECTUAL; and have
 ‘ put off the Cause till the next Meeting:
 ‘ So, *Messieurs*, you are secure of enjoying
 ‘ your Manufactures for one whole Year
 ‘ longer; and that you may carry them
 ‘ on the more successfully, we have, ac-
 ‘ cording to your Order, bought you a
 ‘ large parcel of fine Wooll, to be ready,
 ‘ as usual, when your Boats shall come for
 ‘ it; which, with what we formerly
 ‘ Shipp’d off from *Ireland*, will be of
 ‘ great Service to you.

Your most Obedient Servants, &c.

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P. S. ' The Club are very well satisfied,
 ' that you should have what Wooll can be
 ' conveyed away; tho' *Traffick* and *Wooll-*
 ' *pack* had Proposals ready for the pre-
 ' venting it, if their Partnership had
 gone forward——

London, August 3. 1713.

This News occasioned such a Universal
 Joy thro' all that Country, that nothing
 could exceed it, except the Extravancies
 of the Club and their Agents in *Britain*,
 tho' History has not yet let us know how
 their Friends reconciled it to Reason, that
 both the *French* could rejoyce, and they
 also, upon the same Occasion; perhaps
 Time may assist us to unfold the Mystery.

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7.3. The Club are very well satisfied
that you should have what Woolworth
conveyed away; the T. & A. and W. Co.
and had proposals ready for the pro-
posing it in their Partnership had
gone forward.

London, 20th July.

This News occasioned such a Universal
Joy thro' all that Country, that nothing
could exceed it except the Extravagance
of the Club and their Agents in Buxton.
The History has not yet as know how
their Friends received the News, that
both the Jews could rejoice, and they
also upon the same Occasion; perhaps
Time may still withhold the History.



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